

ANNO TERTIO
ET QVARTO EDOVARDI
SEXTI.

ACTES

made in the Session of this present parliament, holden vpon prorogacion at Westminster the .iiii. daie of Nouember, in the third yere of the reigne of oure moste dradde souereigne Lord Edward the VI. by the grace of God kyng of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendor of the faith, and of the churche of Englande and also of Irelande, in yearth the supreme hed: and there continued and kept, to the first daie of Februarij, in the .iiii. yere of oure saied souereigne lorde, as followeth.

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¶ The first Chapiter.

WHere in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the .xxxvij. yere of the reigne of the moste Excellent Prince of famous memorie Kynge Henry the eight, it was enacted that no persone or persones, should from the makyng of the saide acte be nominated and appointed to the office or offices of the Custos rotulorum, within any Shire of this Realme of Englande, Walles, or other the Kynges dominions, Marches, or territories of the same, but suche as should haue a bill sygned with the Kynges hand for the same, which bill sygned, should be a sufficient warraunt by auctoritie of the saide Acte, to the Lorde Chauncelour of England, or Lord keper of the greate Seale for the tyme beyng, to make from tyme to tyme, commission or commissions, assignyng and auctherisyng therby the same person to bee Custos rotulorum, vntill the Kynge had by an other bill assigned with his owne hande appointed and ordeyned an other person to haue, occupie, and exercise, the same office of Custos rotulorum, and that the saide person appointed and assigned to be Custos rotulorum, as is aboue saide, should and might occupie, exercise and enioye the saide office of Custos rotulorum, by him self, or by his sufficient deputie learned in the lawes of this Realme, and mete and able to supplie the saide office, accordyng to the tenour of the saide graunt or commission, as by the same act among other thynges more at large it doth & may appeare. Sence the makyng of which statute, diuerse & many persons being in the said offices of Custos rotulorum, in diuerse shires of ꝑ realme, haue departed this present lyfe and died, so that there hath not come to the handes of the Chauncellour of England, or Lorde keper of the great Seale, any bill or billes, assigned with the Kynges maiesties hand for the namyng, appointyng or assignyng of any new Custos rotulorum, in the same Shires, the saide offices haue remained voyde for a long time, to the great let of iustice. And also for that it shalbe very tedious, and much to the molestynge of the Kynges maiestie, vpon euery auoidaunce of suche Custos rotulorum, by death, or otherwyse, to sende his Maiestie for the signyng of billes for other persons to be elected, named, chosen & appointed, to supplie the

saide offices of *Custos rotulorum*, beyng voide. And for that the nominacion and appointyng of thesaide office of *Custos rotulorum*, longe tyme before the makyng of thesaide Statute, last before reherſed, dyd apperteigne and belong to the office of the Chauncellour of England, or Lorde keper of the great Seale, for the time beyng: Be it therefore enacted by the Kyng our ſouereigne Lorde, with the aſſent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of theſame, that the Chauncellour of Englande or Lord keper of the greate Seale, for the tyme being, ſhall at all time and times hereafter, and from time to time, without any bil or billes, to bee aſſigned wyth the Kynges hande, name, elect, aſſigne and appoinct ſuche perſon and perſons, to be *Custos rotulorum*, within euery Shire of this realme of England, Wales and other the Kynges dominions, Marches, and territories of theſame, or by any of thē, as by the diſcretion of theſaide Lorde Chauncellour, or lorde keper of the greate ſeale, for the time being, ſhalbe thought hable and mete, to haue and exerciſe theſame. And that theſaid perſon & perſons, ſo to be appoincted, elected, named, and aſſigned, by theſaide lorde Chauncellour or lorde keper of the greate Seale, for the time being, ſhall and maie occupie, exerciſe and enioye, theſame office of *Custos rotulorum*, by him ſelfe, or by hys ſufficiēt deputie or deputies, in as ample and large maner & forme, as if theſaid acte had neuer bene had ne made, the before reherced acte or any thing therin conteined, to the contrarie hereof in any wyſe notwithſtanding.

Prouyded alwaye, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that all ſuche as now haue any of theſayde offices of *Custos rotulorum*, by the Kynges letters Patentes or commiſſion, to theim or any of theim made, ſhal and maie enioye, haue and exerciſe their ſaide offices, by vertue of theſame letters Patentes or commiſſion by hym ſelf, or his ſufficient & hable deputie inſtructed in the lawes of this realme, any thyng in this preſent acte had or made, to the contrarie not withſtandyng.

Prouyded alſo that it be enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayd, that the Archebyſhop of Yorke the biſhop of Durham, the biſhop of Ely, and euery of their ſucceſſours, the Chauncellour of the Duchie of Lancaſter for the time being, and all and euery perſon and perſons, corporacions and bodies corporated, to whome the Kynges maieſtie or any of hys noble progenitours by hys or theyr letters Patentes, or acte of Parliament, haue geuen and graunted any libertie and auctoritie, or otherwiſe haue auctoritie by other laufull meanes or waies, to ordeine, make and conſtitute, any of theſaid officers of *Custos rotulorum*, within any countie palentine, or other place, ſhal & may haue & enioye theſame libertie & auctoritie, according as thei haue had and enioyed theſame, any thing in this preſēt act had or made, to the cōtrary not withſtanding.

¶ The ſecond Chapiter.

An Acte for the true makyng of woollen clothes.

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FOr asmuche as by the sleight and sottell makyng of Clothes and Colours, within diuers partes of thys Realme, now of late practised & vsed, not onely great infamies & slaunders hath growē to the same realme but also the Kynges maiesties faithfull and true subiectes haue susteined great losse in the vse & weryng of thesame clothes, solleightly & sottell made: for remedy and reformacio whereof: Be it ordeined & enacted by the Kynges moste excellent maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall & temporall, & the cōmons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of thesame, that euery Clothier and clothe maker, shall from the feast of the Annunciacion of our Lady next commyng, set his Seale of leade to his clothe, declaryng thereby, the iust lengthes therof to be tried by the water. And that no person shall from thesaide feast, straine or stretche any set clothes or any other clothe aboue one yeard & an halfe in length & a quarter of a yeard in breadeth, vpō paine to forfeite. xl. s. for euery defaulte. And that no person nor persons, shall frō thesaid feast, vpō paine last before remēbred, put to sale any cloth, which when it shalbe wett, shal shrinke more then one yeard and a half in al the lēgth, & a quarter of a yeard in the breadeth. And that narrow straites and Kerseis, shall not from thesaide feast be stretched aboue a yeard in length, & halfe a quarter of a yeard in breadeth, vpō the paine for euery defalt therin. xx. s. nor shal put to sale any cloth, narrow, streite or kersey, the peces wherof beyng wet shall shrinke more then after thesame seuerall rates in the whole pece, vpon paine to forfeite for euery suche offence. xx. s. AND further, that no person or persons occupieng the feate of dieng, shal die or alter into colours, or cause to be died, or altered in to colours any wollen clothes, as browne, blewes, piewkes, taunies, or violettes, except thesame wollen clothes be perfectly boiled, greined or madered vpon the woade, and shot with good and sufficient corke or orchal after a due due substancial & sufficient maner of workmanship, according to the auncīēt workmāship in time past vsed, vpō paine for euery defalt to forfet. xx. s. Nor that any person, shall frō thesaid feast, dye any wolle to be cōuerted into clothe called russettes, musters, marbles, graies, royes, & suche like colors or to be conuerted & made in to hattes or cappes, onles thesame wol be perfectly woaded, boiled, & maddered accordyng to the true & auncient vsage vpō the paine of forfeiture for ē false dryng of euery suche cloth, or of asmuche woll as shall serue for the making of euery cloth cōtrarie to the true meaning thereof. xl. s. Nor shal dye with brasel to thintēt to make a false coloure in clothe nor wol, hattes nor cappes, vpon paine for euery defalte to forfet. xx. s.

And that no person or persons, shall after thesaide feast put any flockes, chalke, floure or sterche or any other dereinable thing, vpon any set cloth, or vpon any other cloth or clothes coloured or vncolored, vpon

payne to forfet for euery fuche offence. xl.s. And that no perſon ſhall from the ſaid feaſt, occupie any iron cardes or pickardes in rowing of any ſet cloth or any maner of woollen cloth, vpon payne to forfet, aſwell theſaid iron cardes or pickardes as alſo the ſomme of. xx.s. for euery fuche offence. Nor that any perſon ſhall from theſaid feaſt ſell any cloth by any leſſe meaſure then after the true content therof, to be moten and meaſured by the yeard, adding to euery yeard one ynch of the rule, according to the ſtatute made in the. vi. yere of the Reigne of the moſte worthy Prince of moſt famous memory Kynge Henry the. viij. father vnto our ſouereigne Lorde the Kynge that now is, vpon paine to forfet for euery yeard of clothe ſo put to ſale, by anye other leſſe meaſure vi.s. viij.d. And that no perſon ſhall from theſaid feaſt, put to ſale here within the realme, either by retail or otherwiſe any cloth, being preſſed to be occupied & worne here within the realme of England, Wales, or Ireland, vpon paine of forfeiture of theſame cloth or the value thereof that haue bene ſo preſſed and put to ſale, as is laſt before remembred.

And for the better executing of this ſtatute, be it enacted by thauctorities aforeſaid, that in euery toune, village, or hamlet, beyng not corporate, where any cloth ſhalbe made, or ſold, the Juſtices of peace of the ſame ſhire where any ſuche toune, village, or hamlet is, or two of thē at the leaſt, & in euery citie, borough, or toune corporate, the hed officer or officers of euery theſame Citie, Borough, or toune corporat together with the wardens of the clothworkers, or two of them at the leaſt ſhall haue full power & auctority by vertue of this act, once euery yere to conuent & call before thē by their precept, or otherwiſe. ij. iiij. vi. viij. or more, as they ſhall think good by their diſcretiō of the moſt honeſt, diſcrete and indifferent men of euery ſuch citie, borough, toune, village or hālet, wher any cloth ſhalbe made or ſold, & them ſhall cōſtitute, ordeine and appointe to be ouerſeers for one whole yere then next folowing, within the citie, borough, toune, village or hamlet, wher theſame ouerſeers ſhalbe dwellyng, charging thē alſo vpon their othes, & as they do tender the honor of the realme, & the comen welth of theſame, that thei do indeuour theim ſelfes for that yere, as muche as in thē ſhal lye, to ſee that this ſtatute be truly obſerued and kept within the limites of their charge in euery parte therof. And that theſame ouerſeers, or two of them, ſhal euery quarter of theſaide yere at the leaſt, or ſo often as nede ſhall require by their diſcretions, by force hereof, viſite & go in to euery clothiers, drapers, clothworkers, diers & preſſors houſes, ſhops, and other places, where cloth or died wol ſhalbe, & there to make due ſerche and to vieue the clothes & wolles, made or died or remaiyng to be ſold and to ſerche and trie, aſwell whether theſaide clothes, be drawen or ſtreined or falſlie died, as alſo of all other the defaltes before ſpecified, committed, or done contrarie to the true meaning of this acte. And yf vpon the ſerche, the clothes be found drawne or ſtrained, or the clothe or

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wolles falsly died or coulored, or any other of thesaid faultes committed or done, contrarie to the true meanyng of this statute: That then thesaid seuerall forfaitures to encurre vpō the partie, or parties, which shall offend in thesame, or in any of them: the one halfe of all whyche forfeitures to be vnto the kyng our souereigne Lorde hys heires or successours, and the other halfe, to such of thesaide ouerseers, as doth finde thesaide defaltes or causes of forfeitures, and that will sue for thesame in any of the kinges courtes of record or before the Justices of peace, within any such citie, borough or toune corporate, or before the Justices of peace within any shire where any suche forfeitures shalbe had out of any Citie or toune corporate, the same sute to be pursued by Bill, plaint accion of debte, Informacion or otherwyse, and in which sute, no wager of law, essoine or protection shalbe allowed for the defendaunt. And yf thesaide ouerseers shalbe negligent and wyll not sue for thesame forfaitures, by the space of one halfe yere next after the cause of thesame forfaitures committed and done, that then the one halfe of thesame forfaiture, to be vnto our saide soueraigne Lorde the kynge, his heires or successours, & the other halfe to hym whych will sue for thesame, as is aforesaid within one other halfe yere next after suche default be had by thesaid ouerseers. And yf any of thesaide persons so commaunded to appeare to be made ouerseers, as is aforesaid, and hauyng no reasonable excuse, refuse to come, & to take vpō hym or theim to be an ouerseer, as is aforesaid, ỳ then euery such person refusyng, & hauing no reasonable excuse so to do, to forfeit for euery suche refusing. xl.s. the one halfe thereof, to be to the kynge oure said souereigne, hys heires or successours, and the other halfe to the Justices of peace, or other hed Officer or Officers, by whose commaundement he was commaunded to appeare, or to be an ouerseer, and thesame ouerseer so offending, to remaine in the warde of the Shirife, vntyll suche tyme as he hath made paimēt of thesaid forfaiture, or otherwyse put in sufficient bonde for the satisfaccion of thesame. And yf thesame ouerseers, or two of them at the least, do not once euery quarter of the yere, make due searche for the true executyng of this statute, that then euery of thesaide ouerseers, to forfaite for euery suche defaulte. x.l. the one halfe to be to the kinges highnes, his heires or successors, and the other halfe, to hym that wyll sue for thesame, by byl, plaint, accion of debt, Informacion or otherwise, in whyche sute, no essoine or protection shalbe allowed for the defendaunt. And if thesaid ouerseers, shalbe interrupted and not suffered to enter in to thesaide houses, shopes, or other places, wher any suche clothes or wolles shalbe made or died, or any other of thesaid defaltes shal happen to be done or committed, there to make searche for the better executyng of thys statute, that then euery one that so shall make anye suche interrupcion, shall forfeite. xx.l. the one halfe of whiche forfeiture to be to oure said souereigne Lord the kyng, his heires or successours,

and thother halfe thereof, to be to thesaid ouerseers, to whom any such interruption shalbe made, and thesame to be optained and pursued for, in suche maner and fourme, as before in this Acte is expressed, for the recouery of other of thesaide forfaitures.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that it shall, & may be leful to euery person & persons, to put to sale any clothe or clothes, made, died, or prest, whyche before thesaide feast of the Annunciation of our Lady shalbe made, died or prest, at any tyme wythin one yere, nexte after thesaide feast of the Annunciacion of oure Lady, so as the Iuager, or hys Deputie or other hed Officer in any suche Citie, Borough, Towne, Village or Hamlet, do put some notorious marke to euery suche cloth, whereby thesame may be knowē to be made before thesaid feast of the Purificacion of our Lady next commyng.

Prouided also that no maner of person, shall take any auauntage of any of thesaide forfaitures, by reason of thys Statute, onelesse thesame person dothe commence, hys sute within one yere, nexte after thesaide offences and forfaitures committed.

And to thentent, that all suche Clothes as shalbe made wythin thys Realme, or any other of the Kynges dominons after thesaide feast, shalbe the better knowen from the other Clothes made before thesame tyme: Be it therefore enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that euery Clothier shal before suche tyme, as he shall putte hys Clothe to sale, beyng made after thesaide feast, cause euery Clothe to be marked with a letter of R. crouned, wrought in the cloth, vpon pein of forfeiture for euery clothe so beyng solde and not merked with thesaide letter R. by any suche Clothier. xx. s. the one halfe of whych forfaiture to be to our souereigne Lord the Kyng, his heires or successours, and thother halfe to him that wyll sue for thesame, in maner and fourme before rehersed.

¶ The. iij. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte concernyng the emprouementes of Commons and Wast groundes.

WHere in the Parliament holdē at Warton in the. xx. yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the third, it is conteyned that for because many greate menne of Englande whiche had enfeoffed Knightes & other their fre tenauntes of small tenementes in their greate mannours, did cōplaine þ they might not make their profites of þ residue of their manours as of wast wodes & pastures, wher thesame feoffes had sufficiēt pasture, as muche as belōged vnto their tenemētes: it was prouided & graunted, that whatsoeuer persons so enfeoffed, brought assise of Nouell disseisin, of their cōmon of pasture, & before þ iustices it were recognised, that thei had as much pasture as did suffice vnto their Tenementes, and that thei had free ingresse

gresse & egresse into, and from their tenemẽtes vnto their pasture, that then thei should therwith be contented, and that thei, vpon whom they hadde complained shoulde departe quite with that they myght make their profite of their landes, wastes, woddes, and pastures. And yf it were sayde that thei had not sufficient pasture, or sufficient ingresse and egresse, as much as doth belong vnto their tenemẽtes, as is aboue said, that then the trueth thereof should be enquired, by Assise, & if it were recognised by the Assise, that their ingresse & egresse wer in any thinge letted by thesame defoyciatours, or that they had not sufficient pasture and sufficiẽt ingresse and egresse, as is aboue said, that then they should recouer their *frison*, by vewe of the Iurours, so that by the discreciõ and othe of them, the cõplainauntes shoulde haue sufficient pasture & sufficient ingresse and egresse, in fourme afore saide, & that the disseisours, should be in amerciament of the kyng, and should yelde dammages as thei were wonte to do before thesame prouisiõ. And if it were recognised by the Assise, that the complainauntes hadde sufficient pasture with free ingresse & egresse, as is aboue mẽcioned, that then the other might lawfully do their profite of the residue, and should goo quite from thesame Assise, as in the saide Estatute more playnely appeareth.

And where also in the Parliament holden at Westminster after Easter the. xiij. yere of the reigne of king Edward the first, it was ordeined that where in the statute made at Warton, it was agreed that lordes of wastes, woddes, & pastures, might approue themselfes of their wastes, woddes and pastures, notwithstandyng the gayne saiyng and contradicciõ of their tenauntes, whiles thesame tenauntes had sufficient pasture to their tenementes with free ingresse and egresse, into and from thesame. And for that no mencion was made betwene neighbour and neighboure, many Lordes of wastes, woddes and pastures, vnto that time were let by contradiccion or gayne saiyng of neighbours, hauyng sufficient pasture. And forasmuche as forrein tenauntes haue no greater right of commonyng in the wodd, wast or pasture of any Lord, then the proper tenauntes of thesame Lord, it was from thẽceforth ordeined, that thesaide Statute prounded at Warton, betwene the Lord and his tenauntes, should haue place from thencefoorth betwene the lordes of wastes, woddes and pastures, and neighbours, sauing sufficient pasture to their mennie and neighbours, so that the Lordes of thesame wast, wastes, woddes, and pastures, maie approue theim selfes of the residue, and that thesame should be obserued of theim that claime pasture as perteignyng to their Tenauntes. But if any man claime common of pasture, by special feoffement or graunt, to a certain nombre of beastes, or otherwise, then of common right he ought to haue it. Where tenauntes do the abrogate the lawe, he shall haue suche recouery as he ought to haue by fourme of the graunt to hym made. And that by occasion of a wyndmyll, Shepehouse, Dairy, augmentacion or increase of any courte necessarie, or curtillage, from thencefoorth, noman should be

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ued by Assise, of *Nouell disseisin* of common of pasture. And forasmuche as it happeneth some tyme ꝑ some men hauynge right to approue to him selfe, hath made or lenied a ditche or a hedge, & other by night or suche other tyme when they beleue their dede shoulde not be knowen, doo or will cast doune the same ditche or hedge, and that it cannot bee knowen by verdite of assise or Iurie, who did cast doune the same ditch or hedge, nor the mē of the next towne will endite theim that be giltie of the same dedes, then the nexte townes hip adioinyng aboute the same shalbe destreined, to leuie or make vp the same ditche or hedge at their proper costes, & to yeld dammages as in the saide Estatute amongest other thinges more plainly appeareth.

And forasmuche as the aforesaide Estatutes bene thought beneficiall for the common wealth of this realme of England. Be it enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lorde with thassent of the Lordes Spiritual and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that all and euery the saide Statutes and all braunches, clauses, articles, sentences, matters and pointes conteined and specified in theim, and euery of theim, now not repeled, shal from henceforth be good and effectuall, and also stand and be in their full strength, force, and effecte.

And because that suche persons as shall bryng assise of *Nouell disseisin*, vpon the said Estatutes, or vpon any of theim, shall by force of the same estatute recouer but onely single dammages, whych is thought to be a smal recompence for the same: Therfore be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that al suche person and persons, as shal at any time hereafter bryng Assise vpon any braunche or article of the saide Estatutes, or any of theim, and haue iudgement to recouer, shal haue his, or their dāmages trebled by the iudgement of the court, where suche Assise & iudgement shalbe had.

And where in diuerse countries of thys Realme, there hath bene builded vpon Commons or waste groundes certaine necessarie houses with ground, vnder the quantitie of three acres, and not aboue three acres enclosed to and with the same: and in some place there is enclosed a garden, or charde or ponde, out, of or in such wastes or groundes, which excede not the quantitie of two acres or there abouts, which doth no hurte, and yet is much commoditie to the owner therof, and to others: Be it therefore enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the saide two former actes, nor any of theim, nor any thyng in theim conteined, shal extende to any suche house, grounde or other thyng so enclosed, as is last herein before mencioned, ne shall cause any person or persons to lose or forfaite any paine, dammage, or penaltie for the same.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that yf anye suche house hath bene heretofore builded vpon any suche waste ground as is aforesaide, and that there be aboue the nombre of three acres enclosed to the same

same,that then thesaide house and three acres perrell of thesame enclo-
sure, shall stil remaine,stande, abide and continue in lyke and thesame
fourme and degree, as it now doth,and that the ouerplus, of thesaide
three acres so enclosed,as is aforesaied,shal and mate be layed open bi
the owner or owners of thesame wastes,any thing in this act,or in any
of thesaide former actes,to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

❧ The.iiii.Chapiter.

An acte concernyng grauntes and giftes made by patenties out of letters patentes.

WHere the right noble and famous kynge of full worthie memorie kynge Henry the.viii.father to oure moste dreade and nowe naturall sourreigne liege Lorde, sithens the.iiii.daie of Februarie in the .xxvii.yere of his late reigne, & also the kynges moste excellent Maieslie,by their seuerall letters Patentes,haue geuen,graunted,bargained, solde,and eschaūged to and with diuerse and sundrie the subiectes of this Realme,bodies politique and corporate in fee simple,Fee taile,for terme of life or yeres,diuerse honours,castels,manours,landes,tenementes,and other hereditamētes, and offices After and sence whiche grauntes, bargaines, sales & exchaunges, diuerse of thesaide Patentees,their heires,successours or assignes,haue bargained,solde,geuen,exchaunged or dimised, diuerse perticuler partes,perels or portions of thesaide honours,castels, mannours, landes, tenementes,hereditamētes and offices, or other thynges thereunto appertaignyng or belongyng, to other person or persons, bodies politique, or corporate, that is to saie,to some of them in fee simple,to some other in fee taile for terme of life,or yeres or otherwise.And after thesame patentes, for consideracions theim mouyng, haue surrendred and geuen vp,their saide letters Patentes into the Chauncerie, or otherwise thesame letters Patentes,haue bene forfaited by attainder,lost, cancelled imbeciled,or by other waies or meanes,haue commen to the handes of the kinges Maieslie his late father.And thereupon oft times the entollement of thesame,hath beue made voide & frustrate,some time in part and some time in the whole,by reason whereof,surche plons,bodies politique or corporate, as haue had interest, or title,in, or to thesame castels,mannours,or particular porcions or perels of thesame so to thē geuē and graunted,haue bene in tyme past, & in tyme to come,are lyke to be disherited,or in daunger of losse of their interest,in or to thesame, to their no litle hinderaunce and perill: For remedie whereof,be it ordeined,established & enacted,by the authorite of this present parliament

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that al & euery person or persons, bodies politique or corporat, whiche lawfullie shal or maye claime by force of any patent or patetes, made sithens the sayde .iiii. date of Februarie, or hereafter to bee made by the Kynges maiestie, his heyres or successours, kynges of this Realme, or by any of theim, and all other that now haue, or hereafter shal happen to haue, any good, or lawfull estate, right, title, rent, profit, interest, or possession, of, in, to or out of any honours, manours, landes, tenementes hereditamentes, or offices, or of other thynges, to any of the premisses apperteignyng, or belongyng, or to any parte, parcell or membre of theim or any of theim, by, from or vnder any suche Patent, or patents, or any of theim, or by, from, or vnder the heires, successours, or assignes of them, or any of them, or by, frō or vnder the state of any others, which had, haue or hereafter shall haue the state, title, or interest, of any suche Patente, or patentees, or by any other meanes vnder the date of suche letters Patetes, shal and maie at al times hereafter, in any the Kinges courtes, his heires or successours, and els where, by vertue of this present act, make and conuey vnto theim selfe title by waie of declaration plainte, auourie, title, barre, or otherwise, aswel against þ kinges highnes his heires & successours, and euery of theim, as against any other person or persons, vnto thesaide honours, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, offices, and other the premisses, or any parte or parcell of thesame, vnto thē, or any their predecessours or auncestours, or others, whose estate they haue in thesame, by, from, or vnder thesaid patētes, or any of them or theires, auncestors, or assignes of any of theim, or otherwise, vnder the date of thesaide letters patentes, comprysed and conteyned in any exemplification or constat thereof made or to bee made, by the shewyng forth of thesaid exemplification or constat of the Rolle, or of so muche thereof, as shall serue for the matter in variaunce, vnder the great Seale of Englande. And thesame exemplification, or constat of thesaide enrollement, so as is aforesaide, pleaded and shewed, shalbe of lyke and thesame force and effect, to all intentes & constructions in the law, as thesaide first letters patentes were, and should be of, if thesame were or should be pleaded or shewed.

¶ The. v. Chapiter.

An act, for the punishement of vnlawfull assembles. and risyng of the Kynges Subiectes.

FOrasmuche, as it is most necessary, in a Common wealth, to prouide that tranquilitie & peace, maye be continued in the realme, and that al thinges beyng contrary thereunto maie by foresight be eschewed: Therefore it is ordeigned and enacted, by the Kyng our souereigne Lorde, wyth the assent of the lordes and Commons, of this present Parliament assembled, & by the authoritie of thesame, that yf any

any persones, to the nombre of. xij. or aboue, beeyng assembled togethe
at any tyme, after the. xij. day of February, next commyng, shall intend,
go about, practise, or putte in vre, wyth force of armes, vnlawfully, and
of their own auctoritie, to murder, kil, slay, take or imprison any of the
Kynges moste honourable priuey Counsayll, or vnlawfully to alter or
chaunge any lawes, made or established for Religion, by auctoritie of
Parliament, or any other Lawes or Estatutes of this Realme, or anye
of them. The same nomber of. xij. or aboue, beyng commaunded or requi
red by the Shirief of the Shire, or by any Justice of Peace of the same
Shire, or by the Maior, Shirifes, Justices of Peace, or Bailifes of any
Citie, Borough, or Towne Corporate, where any suche assemble shal-
be vnlawfully had or made, by Proclamacion in the Kynges name, to
retier and repayre to their owne houses, habitacions, or places, from
whence they came, and they, or any of them, notwythstanding such Pro
clamacion, shall remaigne or make their abode, or continue together, by
the space of one whole Houre, after suche Commaundement or request,
made by Proclamacion, or after that shall wyllingly, in forceable and
riotous maner, attempt to do, or put in vre, any the things aboue specē-
fied: That then aswell euery suche abode, or continuing together, as e-
uery suche acte or offence, that after suche Proclamacion, commaunde-
ment, or request, had or made, shalbe attempted to be done, practysed or
put in vre by any persones, beyng of the nombre afore sayed, shalbe iud-
ged high treason, in all had synguler those persones, that so shall make
their abode, or continue together, or shall attempt or commit any suche
acte, & the offendors therein, their aidours, abbettours, and procurers,
to be adiudged Traytours, to the king and the realme, and shall suffre
execucion of death, as in cace of high Treason.

And furthermore, be it enacted, ordeigned, and established, by thau-
thoritie aforesayd, that yf any persones, to the sayd nomber of. xij. or a-
boue, after thesayd. xij. day of February, shall intend, go about, practyse,
or put in vre, in maner and forme aforesayde, to ouerthrowe, cut, breake
cast doune, or digge vp the Pales, Hedges, Diches, or other closure of
any Parkes, Parke, or other Groundes or Ground Enclosed, or the
Bankes of any Fishe Pond or Poole, or any Conduites for water, Cō-
duite Heddes, or Conduite Pipes, hauyng course of water, to the intēt
that the same or any of them, frō thencefurth should remayne open, not
inclosed or voyde, or vnlawfully to haue Common, or waye in thesayd
Parkes, Parke, or other Grounded or Ground Inclosed, or in anye of
them, or to destroy the Dere, in any maner of Parkes or Parke, or any
Warreins or Warrein of Conies, or any Douehouses, or any Fyshe in
any Pond or Poole, or to pull or cut doune, anye houses, barnes, milles
or Wayes, or to burne any Stackes of Corne or Grain, or to abate, de-
falke, or dunynysh the Rentes, or yerely value of any Manours, Lan-
des or Tenementes, or the price of any Victuall, Corne or Graine, or

any other thyng, shall for the furtherance of them and beyng required or commaunded, by any Justice of peace, or by the Shirief of the countie, or by the Maior, Baillif or Baillifes, or other hed officers of any hed Citie or Towne Corporate, where suche assembly shalbe had, by proclamacion to bee made in the Kinges name, to retier or returne, in peaceable maner to their habitacions, Places & Houses, from whence they came, and they or any of them, notwithstandyng suche Proclamacion, shall remayne or make their abode, or continue together, by the space of one whole houre, after suche commaundement or requeste, made by proclamation, or after that shall in forcible maner, attempte to do, or put in vre, any of the thinges laste before mencyoned: That then aswell euery suche abode, or continuinge together, as euery such acte, that after such proclamacion, commaundemente, or requeste, had or made, shalbe done, practised or put in vre, by any persones, beyng aboue the nombre of. xij. shalbe adiudged Felony, and the offendors therein to be adiudged Felons, and shall suffre the execucion of death, as in case of Felony, & euery of thesame persones, to lose the benefite of his Clergie and Sãctuary.

And also, it is ordeigned, and enacted, by the aucthoritie abouesaid, that yf any persone or persones, after thesaide. xij. day of February, vnlawfully and wythout auctho*r*itie, by ringing of any bel or belles, soundinge of any Dromme, Trompet, Horne, or other instrument whatsoeuer, or by fieryng of any Beacon, or by malicious speaking, or vttering of any wordes, or makinge any outcrye, or by settynge vp, or castynge of any billes, bil, or writing whatsoeuer, or by any other dede or acte, shall rayse, or cause to be raysed or assembled, any persones, to the nombre of twelue or aboue, to thintent that thesame persones shoulde do, commit and put in vre, any of the actes or thinges, aboue mencyoned, and that the persones, to the nombre of. xij. or aboue, so raysed and assembled, after request or commaundemente, had or geuen in forme aforesaid, shal make their abode, or continue together, as is aforesayd, or vnlawfully perpetrate, do, commit, or put in vre, any of the actes, or thynges aboue sayd, that then all and synguler persones, by whose speaking, dede, act, or any other the meanes aboue specefyed, anye persons to the nomber of. xij. or aboue, shalbe raised or assembled for the doyng, committing, or puttyng in vre, any of the actes or thinges aboue mencioned, shalbe adiudged for his so speakinge or doynge, a Felon, and shal suffre execucion of death, as in cace of Felony, and shall lose hys benefyte of Sanctuary and Clergie.

And ouer that, it is ordeigned and enacted, by thauctho*r*itie aforesayed, that if any persones, to the nomber of. xl. and aboue, after thesaid xij. day of February, shalbe assembled together, in forcible maner vnlaufullye, and of their owne auctho*r*itie, to thintent to do, exercyse, or put in vre, any of the thynges aboue mencyoned, or to do any other Traiterous, Felonious, or Rebellious acte or actes, and so shall contynue by

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the space of two houres, that thé euery persone, so beyng willyngly assembled, in forcible maner, and so continuyng, by the space of two houres, shalbe adiudged a Traytor to the kyng, & to the realme, and shall suffre execucion of death, as in case of high treason.

And also, that yf any wyfe or seruaunt of any of thesame persones, or any other persone whatsoeuer, shal willyngly and without compulsion bryng, send, deliuer, or conueigh any money, harneis, artillary, weapó, meate, bread, drynke, or other victual, to any persone or persones, so being assébled, as is aforesaid, duryng suche tyme, as he or they shall so be assembled, or be together, as is aforesaid: that then euery wife, seruaút, or other person so bryng yng, sendyng, deliueryng, or conueighyng any money, harneis, artillery, weapon, meate, Bread, Drynke, or victual, to thesame persones, so beeyng assembled together, in forcible maner, or to any of them, shalbe iudged a traitor, to the kyng & to the Realme, and shall suffre execucion of death, as in case of high treason.

And furthermore, it is ordeigned, and enacted, by the aucthoritie aboueSaied, that euery persone, that at any tyme hereafter shalbe attainted, of or for, any of the Treasons or Treason, aboue mencioned, shall vpon his saied attaindour, forfeit his Goodes, Cattalles, Interestes, for terme of life & of yeres, landes, Tenementes, & other hereditamentes, in like maner and forme, as any persone attainted of Felony, onely should, or ought to forfeit, by the common lawes of this realme, and not otherwise: that is to saie, the kyng to haue the yere, and daie, and waft, of suche Landes, and Tenementes, whereof any persone so attainted, shall at the tyme of the Treason committed, or at any tyme after, haue, an estate of fee simple, and also the goodes and Cattalles, reall and personall. And that the Lordes, of whom, the saied Landes & Tenementes, or any parte thereof shalbe holden, to haue and enioye the Landes and Tenementes, holden of him or them for euer, in suche the same maner and forme, as in cases of attaindor of Felony, at the common lawe. And that euery persone, that at any tyme hereafter shalbe attainted, of any of the Treasons aforesaid, shall forfeit the Landes and Tenementes, and other Hereditamétes, whereof he shalbe seazed, of any state in Taill, or for terme of life or lifes, at the tyme of any suche Treason commytted, or at any tyme after, duryng hys life onely, & no lenger, onlesse the persone so attainted, shalbe thereof seazed in his demeasne, as of fee at the tyme of the said treason cómitted, or at any tyme after. And that after the decease of the same persone, so attainted, all and singuler such persones and persone, as should haue had and enioyed suche Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, as any persone, that at anye tyme hereafter shalbe attainted, of, or for, any Treason aboue specified, shall fortune to be seazed, of any estate in taill, or for terme of life, at the tyme of any such treason committed, or at any tyme after, shal after the death of thesame persone, that so shall fortune to be attainted, haue and

enioye the said Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, in like maner and forme, as though no suche attaindor had been had, any law or vsage, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And furthermore, it is ordeigned, and enacted, by the auctoritie aboue said, that if any persones, aboue the nombre of two, & vnder the nomber of. xij. beeyng assembled together, at any tyme after the said. xij daie of Februarij, shall intende, go aboute, practise, or putte in vre, with force of armes, vnlawfully, and of their awne auctoritie, to murder, kill, or slaie, any of the kynges Maiesties subiectes, or to ouerthrowe, cut, breake, cast doune, or digge vp the Pales, Hedges, Diches, Wall, or other closure of any Parkes, Parke or other ground enclosed, or the banke of any fishe Ponde or Poole, to the intent that the same, or any of them, from thencefurthe, should remaigne open, not enclosed, or voide or to haue Common, or waie in the same Parkes or Parke, or other groundes or ground enclosed, or in any of them, or to destroy anye maner of Parkes or Parke, or Fishe Pond or Poole, or any Warreins or Warrein of Conies, or any Douehouses, or to pull, or cutte doune any house, Barne, Mill, or to burne any stackes of Corne or grain, or alter defalke, or abate the Rentes or yerely value of any Manours, Lãdes or tenementes, of any the kynges subiectes, or the price of any victuall, Corne, or grain, or any other thyng vsuall for the sustenaunce or apparell of men, and beyng required or commaunded by any Justice of the Peace, or the Shirief of the countie, or by any Maior, Bailifes, or Bailief, or other hed officer, of any Citie, or Toune Corporate, where such assemble shalbe had, by Proclamacion, to be made in the kynges name, to retier, or returne to their habitacions, places, or houses, & they so required by suche Proclamacion, shall not so dooe, but after that, shall in forcible maner, in forme aforesaied, attempte to do, or put in vre, any of the thynges last aboue mencioned: that then euery of the same persons beyng aboue the nombre of two, and vnder the nombre of. xij. shall suffre imprisonmẽt, of his or their bodies, by the space of one yere, without baill or mainprise, and shall make fine and raunsome, at the kynges will & pleasure. And also, that if any persone or persones, at any time after the sayd. xij. daie of Februarij, shalbe dãpnefied or hurted, by the doing, committyng, or puttyng in vre, of any vnlawful act, or thing aboue mẽcioned: That then all and syngular persones, so dampnified or hurte, shall recouer and haue dammages, with the costes of their suite, susteined inthat behalfe, trebled against the offendours there in.

¶ And for somuche, as suche euill disposed persones, whiche of late tyme made Commocions and Rebellion in certain places, within this Realme, beyng but fewe in nombre, at suche tyme, as thei did begin the same commocion, were not in short tyme, after the beginnyng thereof, suppressed by strength, for that the kynges louing Subiectes, for feare to incurre in daunger of the lawes of this realme, durste not take vpon

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theim so to do, a greate nombre of euill disposed persones, did come and ioyne themselues, to thesayd small nombre, wherby thesame euill disposed persones, toke vpon theim such boldnes, that they would not be reduced to obedience, without muche bloudshedynge, to the great daunger, of the kinges Maiesties persone, where, yf the kinges louing subiectes, durst haue taken vpon them, to haue suppressed theim at the beginninge, suche inconuenience and bloudshed, should not haue folowed: therfore it is also ordeigned, and enacted, by the auctheritie aforesayd, that yf any persones, aboue the nomber of two, that at anye tyme, after thesaied. xv. day of February, shalbe vnlawfully, and of their owne auctheritie assembled together, to the intent with force and armes, to do, practyse, or put in vre, any of the thynges aboue mencyoned, that then it shalbe lawfull, to euery Justice of Peace, and to euery Shirief, in any Countie, being wythin the kynges Dominions, and to euery Maior, Bailife, and other hed officer of any Citie, or Towne Corporate, for the tyme he shalbe in Office, or any other persone or persones, hauyng the Kynges Commission, or Letters from his hyghnes, or his priuey counsayll, aswell to rayse and assemble the kynges louinge subiectes, in maner of warre, to be arrayed, in suche great nombre, as he or thei, thē shal thynke mete or able, to the intent, by violence and strength to suppresse, apprehende, & take thesaid persones, that so shalbee vnlawfullye assembled. And that yf thesayde persones, so vnlaufully assembled, after such commaundement, or requeste by Proclamacion or otherwyse made, shal continue together, and not endeuour theimselfes, to returne towardes their habytacyons, houses or places, frō whence they came in such short tyme, as they may conueniently: that then it shalbe lefull to euerye Justice of Peace, Shirife, and also to euery Maior, Bailife, and other hed Officer of any Citie, or Towne Corporate, and to euery other person, hauing auctheritie, as is afore sayde, after such commaundement, or requeste by Proclamacion made, and to suche persones, as shalbee assembled, with any Justice of Peace, or Shirife, or with any Maior, Bailife, or other hed officer of any Citie, or Towne Corporate, and with euery other persone, hauyng auctheritie, as is afore sayde, to suppresse, apprehend, and take those persons, so vnlawfully assembled, which after such requeste made, shall continue together, and not endeuor themselfes to returne, towarde their habitacions, or places frō whence they came. And that yf thesayd persones, so vnlawfully assembled together, or anye of them shall fortune to be kylled, slayne, maimed, or hurte, in, or about the suppressyng, or takyng of them: that then euery suche Justice of Peace, Shirife, Maior, Bailife, and other hed officer, and euery other person, hauyng auctheritie as is aforesaide, and all and synguler persones, by him or theim assembled, shalbe free, discharged, and vnpunisheable, aswell agaynst the Kyng, as agaynst all and euery other persone and persones, of, for, or concernyng the killinge, slaying, maymyng, and hurting

of anye perſone or perſones, ſo vnlawfully aſſembled, that ſhall fortune to be killed, ſlain, maimed or hurte, about, or by occaſyon of ſuppreſſyng or takyng of theim.

And furthermore, bee it enacted, by aucthoritie aforeſayde, that all and euery Copiholder, or Cuſtumary holder, beinge artificer, huſbanman, or laborer, and beyng of the age of .xviij. yeres or more, and vnder the age of .lx. yeres, not ſicke, impotent, lame, maymed, ne hauinge anye other iuſt, or reaſonable excuſe, or cauſe to the cõtrary, and being required by the Shirife, Juſtice, or Juſtices of Peace, or other hauynge aucthoritie by this acte, or by Commiſſion, or Letters, as is aboueſayd in that behalfe, (they declaryng their ſayd aucthoritie) or beyng required by the immediate lorde or lordes, of whom ſuch Copiholdes, or Cuſtumary holdes, then ſhalbe holden, to ſerue the kynges Maieſtie, for any the cauſes aboue reherced, and refuſe ſo to do, ſhall only during the life, of ſuche perſon or perſones, ſo refuſyng, forfeyte and loſe, to his or their Lorde or Lordes, of whome ſuche Copy or Cuſtumary holdes, thē ſhal be immedyatly holden, and ſhoulde be holden, durynge the lyfe of ſuche perſon or perſones ſo refuſyng, in caſe he or they had not ſo refuſed, all their Copiholdes, and Cuſtomarie holdes. And that it ſhalbee lawfull, to euery ſuch Lorde or lordes, their Heyres or Aſſignes, of whom ſuch Copiholdes, or Cuſtomary holdes, ſhalbee immedyatlye holden, and ſhoulde haue bene holden, in caſe that ſuch perſon or perſones, had not ſo refuſed, by vertue of thys preſente acte, to entre and take into his or their handes or poſſeſſion, and ſuche Copiholdes, & Cuſtomary holdes, ſo holden of theim, or any of them immediatly: and to reteigne theſame, durynge only the lyfe of euery ſuch offendour or offendoures, in ſuche maner and forme, as he or thei ſhould haue had the rentes or ſeruices, of ſuch Copy hold, and Cuſtomary hold, in caſe ſuche perſone or perſones ſo refuſyng, had not refuſed. And that all and euery Fermor being a yoman, huſbandman, artificer or laborer, and beyng of thage of .xviij. yeres or more, and vnder the age of .lx. yeres, not ſicke, impotēt, lame, maimed, ne hauing any other iuſte or reaſonable excuſe, or cauſe to the contrary, and beyng required by the Shirife, Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, or other, hauing aucthoritie by thys acte, or by Commiſſion or letters, as is aforeſaid, in this behalfe (they declaring their ſaid aucthoritie, or beyng required by their Landlord or landelordes, for the tyme beeyng, to whome the Rentes of ſuch Fermes, ſhalbe then ryſyng, comming or growyng, to ſerue the Kynges Maieſtie, for any the cauſes aboue reherſed, and refuſe ſo to doo, ſhall duryng onely the lyfe, of ſuche Fermoure or Fermours ſo refuſyng, forfeyt and loſe, to ſuch Landlord and landlordes, as ſhoulde haue had the rentes, of ſuche Fermours, durynge the life and lyfes, of ſuch perſon and perſones ſo refuſing, all their ſayd Fermes. And that it ſhalbe lefull, to euery ſuche Landelorde and Landelordes, their Heires and Aſſignes, to whom, the Rentes of ſuch

Fermes,

Fermes, shoulde haue bene due, durynge the life of such persone or persones, so refusynge, in case suche person or persones, had not so refused, by vertue of this present acte, to enter and take into hys or their hades or possession, all suche Fermes, and to retein the same, duringe onlye the lyfe, of euery suche offendor or offendours. Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted, by thauctho'itie afore'said, that after the death, of euery such Copiholder, Customary holder, or Fermour, as so shall offend and for'feit, anie of the sayd Copie holdes, Customary holdes, or Fermes as is afore'sayd, that then all and euery suche person and persones, as should or ought, to haue had the'sayd Copy holdes, Customary holdes, or Fermes, after, or by the deathe of suche Copyholder, Customary holder, or Fermore, in case such Copiholder, Customary holder, or Fermour, had not so offended, ne for'feyted, shal and maye haue the same Copie holdes Customary holdes, and Fermes, by Entre, Accion, Admission, or otherwyse in lyke maner forme, and condicion, and by suche wayes and meanes, as they and euery of theim should, myght, or ought to haue had, yf no suche for'feyture, or offence had bene had, done or committed.

And furthermore, it is ordeigned, and enacted, by the auctho'itie afore'sayd, that yf any persone or persones, after the'sayde. xii. day of February, by open worde or deede, shall procure, moue, or stirre any other persone or persones, to aryse, and make any Trayterous or rebellious assemble, to the intent to do, exercyse, or put in vre, any of the thinges aboue mencyoned: that then euery persone so procuring, mouing, or stirryng any other, shall therfore be demed, and adiudged a Felon, and suffre paynes of deathe, and for'feyte hys goodes, Catralles, Landes, and Tenementes, as in case of Felony, and shall also lese the benefyte of hys Clergie and Sanctuary.

And also, be it further enacted, by the auctho'itie afore'sayd, that yf any persone or persones, whiche at any tyme, after the same day, shalbe spoken vnto, moued, or stirred, to make any commocion, insurrection, or vnlawful assemble, for any of the intentes aboue mencyoned, and dooe not wythin. xxiiii. houres next after he or they, shalbe spoken vnto, moued, or stirred (onlesse he shall haue a good and reasonable cause of excuse) declare the same to one Justice of peace, or Shirife of the said countie, or to the Maior, Shirifes, Bailife, or Bailifes, or other hed Officer, of any citie or Towne Corporate, where suche speaking, motion, or stirryng shalbe had, shall suffre imprisonmente, vntyl he shalbe discharged, by three Justices of Peace, of the same Shire, where the offence shalbe whereof one of the'sayd Justices, shalbe of the Quorum.

And it is ordeygned and enacted, by the auctho'itie aboue'said, that yf any persone or persones, beyng aboue the age of. xviii. yeres, and vnder the age of. lx. yeres, beyng able to serue, and not sicke, lame or impotēt, shalbe requyred, by any Justice of the peace, or any Shirif of any Countie, where any suche assemble shalbe, or by any Maior, Bailife, or

other hed officer, of any Citie, Borough, or Towne Corporat, or by any other, by the commaundement of any suche Justice of Peace, Shirife, Maior, Bailife, or other hed officer, to go with him or them, to suppresse the persones, vnlawfully assembled, in maner and forme aforesayd: that then euery persone, so being able and required, do willingly and obstynately, refuse so to do, shall suffre imprisonmēt of his body, for one yere, without baile or mainprise, and make fine and raunsome, at the kynges wyll and pleasure.

Prouided alwayes, and it is enacted, by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that yf the King, shall by his Letters Patentes, make any Lieutenaūt, in any Countie or Counties of this Realme, for the suppressing of anye Commocion, Rebellion, or vnlawfull assemble: that then alweil all Justices of Peace, of euery suche Countie, and the Shiriffes, and Shirife of the same, as all Maiors, Bailifes, and other hed Officers, and all inHabitauntes & Subiectes, of any Countie, Citie, Borough, or Towne Corporat, within euery such Countie, shall vpon the declaracion of the sayed Letters Patentes, and request made, bee bounde to geue attendaunce, vpon the same Lieutenaunt, to suppresse any commocio, rebellion, or vnlawfull assemble, onlesse he or they, beyng so required, haue any reasonable excuse, for hys not attendaunce, vpon pein and imprisonment for one whole yere.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie afore sayde, that the ordre and forme, of the Proclamacions, that shalbe made by the auctoritie of this Acte, shalbe as hereafter foloweth, or wyth the lyke ordre, & wordes in effect, that is to saie: the Justice or other person, auctorysed by this Acte, to make thesaid Proclamacion, shall make, or cause to bee made, an Oyes, and after that, shall openlye pronounce, or cause to bee pronounced these wordes, or like in effecte. ¶ The king our souereigne Lorde, chargeth and commaundeth, all persons beynge assembled, immedyatly to disperse theimselfes, and peaceably to departe, to their habitacions, or to their lawfull busynes, vpon the peynes conteined in the Acte, latelye made agaynste vnlawfull and Rebellious Assembles, And God saue the kyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf any person or persones, do, or shall moleste, let, hynder, or hurte, anye persone or persones, that shall Proclayme, or goo to Proclayme, accordyng to the Proclamacion and ordre, made in the Statute aforesayed, whereby, suche Proclamacion shall not be made: that then al and euery suche persone and persones, so molestyng, lettyng, hynderyng, or hurtyng, and all and euery suche persone or persones, offendor, or offendors, to whome, any suche Proclamacion, or Proclamacions, should or ought to be made, to the intent aforesayed, shal incurre, and be in like daunger, and suffre lyke pein or peynes, and forfeytures as aforesayde, in euery of their degrees, as though the Proclamacion had bene made,

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any clause, article, or sentence, heretofore in this act included, made to the contrary notwithstanding. And bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that this acte shalbe openly red, at euery quarter Sessions. SAVYNG to the Bishoppe of Duresme, and Bishop of Ely, and all other that haue Charter of the Countie Palentine, & to their successors, the yere, daie, and wast, in suche sorte, as by thesaied Charter thei had, or might haue had the same, yf this acte had neuer been had ne made: this act or any thing therein conteigned, to the contrary notwithstandyng. SAVYNG also, to all and euery persone and persones, and heires in taill, bodies politique and Corporate, their heires, successors, and executors and to euery of them, other then to suche persone & persones onely, as shalbe attainted, conuicted, or outlawed for any of the forsaid offences, of Felony, or Treason, & their heires, or the heires of any of them, claimyng by discent in fee simple, from them, or any of them, all suche right title, entre, interest, leasses, possession, rentes, cõdicions, profites, commodities, and aduauntages, as thei, or any of thẽ hath, or herafter shall haue, or of right ought to haue, in, or to any Honors, Castles, Manoures, Landes, Tenemẽtes, Woodes, Rentes, Reuercions, Seruices, or Hereditamẽtes whatsoeuer, or, in, or to any part or parcell therof, to be forfeited, for any of the offences aforesaied, as if suche attaindor or forfeiture, had neuer been had ne made, any thyng in this acte to the contrary, in any wise notwithstandyng. AND sauyng to all & euery body, and bodies politique and Corporat, and their successors, their liberties and fraunchises, in suche maner & forme, as yf this acte had neuer been had ne made. This acte to continue to the ende of the next parliament.

¶ The. vj. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte, concernyng the repeale of a braunche, of an Acte of Parliament, made in the last Session for buiyng of Tanned Lether.

WHere at youre Maiesties Parliament, holden at Westminster, vpon Prorogation, the. xiiij. daie of Marche, in this present thirde yere of your moste victorious reigne, emongest other thynges it was enacted, that no persone occupiyng the feate or misterie, of Coriar, Cordewaner, Sadler, Cobler, Girdeler, Letherseller, Bottelmaker, or any other Artificer, should from, & after the feast of Myghelmas, then next folowyng, sell, or cause to bee solde, or put to sale, anye Backes or Hides, of any Englishe kynd, of tanned Lether vnwrought or in suche kynd, as he should buy the same, (Calues skynnes onely excepted) vpon pein of forfeityng for euery Hide, Backe, or percell of Lether, that he or thei should so sell, cõtrary to thesayd statute. r. ẽ: Sithẽ the makyng of whych act, great and innumerable incõueniences hath, & hereafter is like to come therof. First, neither Girdeler, Cordwainer,

Sadler

Sadler, Male maker, Bottel maker, or any other artificer, bsing tãned lether in their arte, is, or shalbe able, at any tyme, at any instant, to serue the kynges maiestie, his nobles, lordes, & commons, either of Bootes, Shooes, Girdles, Saddels, Barehides, Males, Cofers, Pottes, or other thynges made of lether for that ꝑ moste part of thartificers aforesaid, been poore men, not alwaies able to prouide store, of suche sortes of lether, as should serue their turne, in makyng of suche thinges, as is before mencioned, but must of necessitie, prouide suche lether, one of theim of another, as euer heretofore, they haue accustomed to do, which now by force, of the extremitie of thesaid acte, thei maie not do, whichis unto the greate hurt and hynderaunce, alwei of the kynges Maiestie, as of his nobles lordes, and commons, for that thei, and euery of them, be driuen of necessitie, to buy their lether, of a fewe persones, which, been onely mere regrators of thesaied Lether, at greate, high, & vnreasonable prices, to the greate hurt of the commō wealth, wherby thesaied artificers been not able, to aforde thesaid wares made therof, so good chepe, as thei haue done heretofore. And also, by reason of the forsaid restreint or bondage, of the foresaid artificers, from buiyng and selling of lether, there is no mā sithe that tyme, wyllyng to sette, or put his or their children to be prentice, with any of the foresaied artificers: for that not onely they, and euery of theim, been brought in suche bondage, by reason of the saied acte, but also by the meanes whereof, are neuer like to growe, to any necessary substaunce, neither by the exercise of their saied handy crafte, to sustein the necessities, of their olde age withall, and not onely that, but also in all cities, boroughes, corporate townes, thereby they lose benefite and commoditie, of their Charter and Fredome. For reformaciō whereof, be it enacted, by thauctho*r*itie of this present Parliamēt that it shalbe lawfull from hencefurth, to, and for euery of the said artificers, or handy crafte menne, expressed, or named in the foresaied acte to buye and sell, all maner of tanned lether, corried, or not corried, so that suche shalbe conuerted, by suche buyer or buyers, vnto any kynd of wares, or other thynges, made of tanned lether, within this realme of Englande, or other the kynges dominions, any wordes, penalties, or forfeitures, compriſed or specified, in the aboue remembred acte, to the contrary herof in any wyse notwythstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, by the auctho*r*itie aforesaied, that this present acte, shall endure but onely vnto the ende of the nexte Parliament.

¶ The. viij. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte, for the repeale of a Statute, made in the xxb. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry theight, touchyng the takyng of Wildfoule, at certain tymes of the yere.

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Where in the. xxv. yere of the reygne, of youre Maiesties father, of most famous memory, kynge Henry theight, an acte was made, conteynynge two braunches, whereof, the one was againste the takynge of wyldfoule, betwene the laste daye of Maie, and the last daye of August, wyth any Nettes, or engyns, vpon a peyne limitted therupon, as in the sayde Statute, more largely doeth appere: forasmuche, as the occasyon of the sayd braunches, apperethe sithen to haue ryssen, but vpon a pryuate cace, and that no maner of common commoditie, is sithen perceyued, to bee growen of the same, beynge notably, by dayly experyence founde and knowen that there is at thys presente, lesse plentie of foule, broughte vnto the Markettes, then was before the makynge of the sayed acte, whyche is taken to come of the punyshmente of GOD, whose benefyte was thereby, taken awaye from the poore people, that were wonte to lyue by their skyll, in takynge of the sayed foule, whereby, they were wont at that time, to sustaine theimselfes, wyth their poore housholdes to the great sauynge of other kyndes of Victuall, of the whiche ayde, they are now destitute, to their greate and extreme impouerysshyng: Humbly beseechen your grace, your Maiesties true and faythfull Subiectes, especially suche, as haue their places of habitacion nygh vnto the Fennes, that all that braunche, of the sayd Acte, made in the sayd. xxv. yere, of your graces sayed father of moste noble memory, touchinge the taking of wildfoule, in maner as is aboue sayd, may be from hencefurth by youre Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the cõmons, in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, repealed, and vtterly voyde, and of none effecte, wyth all and euery article, sentence, matter, peynes and forfeytures, conteygned, or otherwyse mencioned, in the sayd braunche, as yf the same acte had nebene had ne made.

Prouyded, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie abouesayd, that one other braunche, conteyned in the sayd acte, concernyng suche persones as shall presume by daye, or nyght, wyllyngly to withdrawe, purloyne, take, destroy, or conueygh, any maner of Egges, of anye kynde of Wildfoule, from, or in any Nest, place or places, where they shall chaunce to bee layed, by any kynde of Wyldfoule, wyth euery Article, Sentence, Matter, Paynes, Forfeytures, and Prouysions, conteigned, or mencioned in this sayde laste braunche, shall stand in full strength, and effecte, to all purposes, intentes, and constructeyons, as yf this present acte had neuer bene had or made.

¶ The. viii. Chapiter.
¶ An Acte, for the contynuaunce of the Statute of Sewers.

Where

Were in the Parliament holden at Westmynster by Prorogacio the.xv. day of January, in the.xxiii. yere of the most victorious Reigne of our late Soueregne Lord Kyng Henry the eyght, emong other thinges, one generall Acte, concerning Commyssyons of Sewers, to be directed into al parties within this realm, was enacted & made to continue and endure for the tyme yeres, then nexte folowynge, as by the same Acte, more at large it doeth and maye appere. And forasmuche as the same Acte is thought good and beneficiall for the Common wealthe of thys Realme: Be it therefore enacted and ordeygned, by the Kynge oure Soueregne Lorde, wyth the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in thys presente Parliamente assembled, and by the auctho[r]itie of the same, that thesayde Acte, and all clauses, artycles, and prouisions, in the same conteygned', shall contynue and endure in their force and strengthe, and to be obserued and kept for euer, in suche maner and forme, as shall and maye stande wyth the sequell and additions, hereafter mencyoned.

And be it further enacted and established, by thauctho[r]itie aforesaid, that all shottes, lottes, and sommes of money hereafter to be rated and taxed, by vertue of suche cõmission of Sewers, vpon any of the landes, tenementes, or hereditamẽtes, of our souereigne lord the king, his heires or successors, for any maner of thing or thynges, concerning the articles of the sayd commission of Sewers, shalbe gathered and leuied, by distresse or otherwyse, in lyke maner and forme, as shall or may be done in the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, of any other person or persones: And that all Billes of Acquitaunce, sygned with the hand, or handes of suche collector or Receyuor, as shall haue the collectiõ therof by the appointment of thesayd commissioners, or. vi. of thẽ, shalbe alwei a sufficient discharge, to the Tenauntes, Fermors, and occupiers of the same groundes, so to be charged, for thesayde somme, wherwyth theyr groundes shalbe so charged, as also a sufficient warrant, to all & euery the Receiuors, Auditors, and other, whatsoeuer Officer or Officers, of our sayd souereigne lord the King, his heires, and Successors, for the allowaũce to suche Tenaunt, Fermor or Occupier for the same, adding more ouer to thys acte, by auctho[r]itie of this present Parliament, that suche and lyke Fees, and none other, nor more, shalbe at any time paied or demaunded, for anye Commission, or Commissions, or wrytes of *dedimus potestatem* hereafter to be sued out, or obteygned vnder the Seale of the Duchy, but only such and lyke Fees, as bene mencyoned in the said former Acte, to be paied in the Chauncerie, for commissions and wrytes of *dedimus potestatem* to be optayned frõ the same Courte of Chauncerie, addyng more ouer therunto, by thauctho[r]itie aboueſaid, that euery cõmission and cõmissions, hereafter to be awarded for Sewers, shall cõtinue

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and endure for terme of .v. yeres, next after the reste of such commission, onles the same commission and commissions, shalbe otherwise discharget, within the same tyme by supersedeas, any thyng or thinges mencioned, or conteyned in the said former acte, contrary to the addicions before mencioned or any of them in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ The. x. Chapter.

¶ An acte for bieng of rawe hydes and Calues skynnes.

For asmuche as lether is growen to an vnreasonable price, whereby the kynges subiectes are not able at this daie to prouide them selfes, suche necessaries therof made, as shoes, and bootes, and such like, at any resonable price as they heretofore haue done to the vtter empouerishmēt of diuers the kynges louyng and obedient subiectes: whiche sayed vnreasonable prices of Lether, doeth onely growe and rise by reason of the vnsaciable desyre of diuers & sundry persones being no Tanners, whiche dayly in euery market and other place doo buy and regrate grene hydes, in the heere and out of the heere to their handes, to the intent to sell the same to their owne lucre and gayne: Be it therefore enacted, by the kyng our souereigne lorde, the lordes, spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no persone or persones within this Realme, shall from and after the feast of the Annunciacion of our Lady next comming, buy or cause to be bought any Calue skinnes or hydes in the heare, or out of the heare, to the intent to sell agayn the same vntanned, except onely suche person and persons, as wil tanne or rawe the same; vppon payne to forfaite for euery skynne or hyde so bought, to thintent to sell agayne, as aforesaied. vi. s. viii. d. The one halfe of whiche forfaiture to bee vnto our souereigne Lorde the kyng: The other halfe to hym or them that wyll sue for the same, in any of the kynges courtes, by Bill, Playnt or other lawfull proces, wherein no protection or wager of Lawe, nor yet any Essoyne to the partie defendaunt shalbe allowed or admitted.

¶ The. xi. Chapter.

¶ An acte for the abholyshyng and putyng away of diuerse bookes and Images.

Where the kynges moost excellent maiestie, hath of late set forth and established, by auctoritie of parliament, an vniforme quiet and godly order of common and open prayer, in a booke intitled The booke of cōmon prayer, and administracion of the sacramentes, and other Rytes and Ceremonies, after the churche of Englande, to be vsed and obserued in the said Churche of Eng-

land, agreable to thordre of the primatiue churche, muche more comfortable vnto his louing subiectes, then other diuersitie of seruice, as heretofore of long tyme hath bene vsed, being in the said boke ordeined nothing to be redde, but the very pure worde of God, or whiche is euidently grounded vpon the same, & in the other thinges corrupt, vntrue, vayne, and superstitious, and as it were a preparacion to superstition, whiche for that they be not called in, but permitted to remayne vndefaced, do not onely geue occasion to suche peruerse persones, as do impugne the ordre and godly meaning of the kynges said booke of common prayer, to continue in their olde accustomed superstitious seruice, but also minister great occasion of diuersitie of opinions, rytes, ceremonies, and seruices: Be it therefore enacted, by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that all bookes called Antiphoners, Missalles, Graples, Processionalles, Manuelles, Legēdis, Pies, Portuasses, Primers, in Latin or Englysh, Couchers, Journalles, ordinalles, or other bookes or writinges, whatsoeuer heretofore vsed for seruice of the churche, written or printed in the Englishe or Latyn tongue, other then suche as are or shalbe set furth by the kynges maiestie, shalbe by auctoritie of this present act, clearely and vtterly abholyshed extinguished, & forbidden for euer to be vsed or kept in this realme, or els where within any the kynges dominions.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any persone or persones, of what estate degree or condicion soeuer he, she or thei be, body politique or corporate that nowe haue or hereafter shal haue in his, her or theyr custody, any the bookes or writinges of the sortes aforesaied, or any Images of Stone, Tymber, Allebaster, or earth, grauen, Carued or Painted, whiche heretofore haue bene taken out of any Churche or Chappel, or yet stande in any Church or Chappell, and doo not before the last daie of June next ensuing, deface and destroie, or cause to be defaced and destroied, the same Images, and euery of them, and delyuer or cause to be delyuered, all and euery the same bookes to the Maior, Baylief, Constable, or Churchewardyns of the Towne, where suche bookes then shalbe, to bee by them deliuered ouer openly within three moonethes next folowyng, after the sayed delyuerey, to the Archebyshop, Byshop, Chaunceller, or Commissarie, of the same dioces, to the intent the sayed Archebyshop, Byshop, Chaunceller, or Commissarie, and euery of them cause them immediatly, eyther to be openly brent, or otherwaies defaced and destroyed, shall for euery suche booke or bookes, wyllyngly retayned in his, her or their handes or custody, within this Realme, or els where within any the kynges dominions, and not deliuered as is aforesayde, after the said last day of June, and be therof lawfully conuicte, for-

faite and lose to the kyng our souereigne lorde, for the first offence. xx. shillings, and for the second offence shal forfaite and lose, being therof lawfully conuict, foure poundes. And for the third offence, shall suffre imprisonment at the kynges will.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that if any Maiors, Baylieffes, Constables, or churthwardens, do not within thre monethes after the receipte of thesame bookes, delyuer or cause to bee deliuered, suche bookes, so by them receyued, to the Archebysshop, Bysshop, Chauncellor, or Commissarie of their dioces. And if thesaied Archebysshop, Bysshoppes, Chauncellor, or Commissaries, do not within fourtie daies after the receipte of suche bokes, burne, deface, and destroye, or cause to be burned, defaced, or destroied thesame bookes, and euery of them, that then they and euery of them so offendyng, shall lose and forfeite to our souereigne lorde the kyng, beyng therfore lawfully conuict, fourty poundes: The one half of all suche forfaytures, shalbe to any of the kynges Subiectes that will sue for thesame, in any of the kynges courtes of Record, by Bill, Playnt, accion of debte, or informacion, in whiche accion no Essoyne, Protection, wager of lawe, or other delay shalbe allowed.

And for better execution of thesame acte, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that aswel Justices of assise in their circuites as Justices of peace, within the lymites of there commission in the generall sessions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to enquire of the offences aforesaied, and to here and determine thesame in suche fourme as they may do in other suche like cases.

Prouided alwaies, that this acte or any thing therein conteined, shall not extend to any Image or picture, set or grauen vpon any tõbe in any churche, chappell, or churchyarde, onely for a monument of any kyng, Prynce, Noble man, or other dead persone, whiche hath not bene cõmonly reputed and taken for a saincte, but that al such pictures and Images may stande and cõtinue in like maner and fourme, as if this acte had neuer bene had nor made, any thing in this acte, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaie and be it enacted, by thauctõritie aforesaied, that any persone or persones, may vse, kepe, haue, and reteigne, any Prymers, in the Englyshe or Latyn tounge, set furth by the late kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the eight, so that the sentences of inuocacion or prayer to sainctes, in thesame Prymers, be blotted or clerely put out of thesame, any thyng in this Acte, to the contrary notwythstandyng.

The. xi. Chapter.

¶ An acte that the Kynges Maiestie may nominate and appointe. xxxii. persones, to peruse and make Ecclesiasticall lawes.

ALbeit the kynges moſt excellent maieſtie, gouer-
nour and ruler vnder God of this Realme, ought
moſt iuſtly to haue ꝑ gouernement of his ſubiectes
& the determination of their cauſes, aſwell eccleſia-
ſticall as temporall, yet theſame as concerning ec-
cleſiaſticall cauſes hauing not of long tyme bene
put in vre nor exercised, by the reaſon of the vſur-
ped auctoritie of the byſhop of Rome, be not per-
fectly vnderſtand nor knowen of his ſubiectes, and therfore of neceſſite
aſwell for the aboliſhing and putting to bter oblion, theſaied vſur-
ped auctoritie, as for the neceſſary adminiſtracion of iuſtice, to his lo-
uing ſubiectes: It may pleaſe his highnes, that it may be enacted by
his moſt gracious aſſent, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall & tem-
porall, and the commons of this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by
thauctoritie of theſame, that the kynges maieſtie, ſhal frombenceforth
duryng, thre peres, haue ful power, auctoritie and libertie, to nominat
and aſſigne by the aduyſe of his highnes counſaill, fyftene perſones of
the clergie, wherof foure to be biſſhoppes, and ſixten perſones of the te-
poraltie, wherof foure to be lerned in the common lawes of this Real-
me, to perule and examine the eccleſiaſticall lawes of long tyme here
vſed. And to gather, order and compyle ſuche lawes eccleſiaſticall, as
ſhalbe thought by his Maieſtie, his ſayed Counſayll, and them or the
more parte of them, conuenient to bee vſed, practyſed, and ſet forth
within this his Realme, and other his dominions, in all ſpirituall or
eccleſiaſticall courtes and conuencions. And if after ſuche nomina-
cion any of the perſones ſo to be nominated, happen to die, that then
his hyghnes by the aduyſe of his ſaied counſayll, duryng theſayd thre
peres, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie, from tyme to tyme to
nominate and aſſygne other in their places to ſupply theſayd nomber
of two and thirty perſones. And that theſayed two and thyrty perſons
ſo nominat, as is aforeſaied, at all tymes from tyme to tyme duryng
theſayed three peres, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie to aſſem-
ble themſelfes by his hyghnes commaundement, for the perfit collec-
tion, compylyng and ordryng of theſayed lawes. And be it alſo enac-
ted by the auctoritie aforeſayed, that ſuche lawes eccleſiaſticall ſo cō-
pyled, gathered and ordered by theſaied two and thyrty perſones or
the more nombre of them, and ſet forth, publyſhed and declared by the
kynges maieſties proclamacion, with theſayd aduyſe vnder his high-
nes great Seale, ſhall, by vertue of this preſent acte, be onely taken
reputed, practyſed, and put in vre for the kynges eccleſiaſtical lawes
of this realme, and no other, any lawe, ſtatute, vſage or preſcription, to
the contrary therof notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and it is ordeined and enacted, by the auctho-
ritie aforeſaied, that no maner of perſone or perſones, ſhall at any tyme

hereafter

hereafter incurre, or bee in any contempt, payne, forfaiture or losse, or in daunger of any action, or suite of premunire, by meane or occasion of Executyng or puttyng in Exercyse of any lawes or matter, whiche shalbe deuised by thesaid twoo and thyrty, or the more parte of them and set forth by Proclamacion vnder the great Seale of Englande, or for holdyng of any manner of Plee, or makynge of any Proces, touchyng or concernyng any suche lawes or matter, any estatute, law or Custome, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aboueſaied, that al and euery ecclesiastical Judge, and minister that shal execute any thyng by vertue of any suche Lawes, so to bee set furth, as is aboueſayd, shall from tyme to tyme obey the Kynges wryt and wrytes, of prohibicion of attachement, vppon prohybicion and Indictaunt, and not to procede contrary to the tenour of suche wryt or wrytes, in suche and thesame manner, fourme, and condicion as they haue or ought to haue done before the makyng of this act, any thyng in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, by the auctho[r]itie afore[s]aid, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende, or bee interpretated, to geue any auctho[r]itie to thesaide two and thirty persones, or to the more nomber of them, or to the Kynges highnes, for to cõpyle, stablyshe, publiſhe, or set furth, any ecclesiasticall lawe repugnant or contrary to any common Lawe or Statute of this Realme, any thyng in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ The. xii. Chapter.

¶ An Acte for the orderyng of Ecclesiasticall Ministers.

FOR asmuche as concorde and vnitie to bee had within the Kynges Maiesties Dominions, it is requisite to haue one vniforme fashion and maner, for makyng and consecratyng of Bysshoppes, Prestes, Deacons, or Ministers of þ Churche: Be it therfore enacted, by the Kynges hyghnes, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctho[r]itie of thesame, That suche forme and maner of makyng, and consecratyng, of Archebysshoppes, Bysshoppes, Prestes, Deacons, and other Ministers of the churche,

as by syx Prelates, and six other men of this Realme, learned in Goddes lawe, by the kynges Maiestie, to be appointed and assygned, or by the moost nombre of them shalbe deuised for that purpose, and sett furth vnder the greate Seale of Englande, before the firste daye of Aprill next commyng, shall by vertue of this present acte, be lawfully exercysed and vsed, and none other: any estatute, lawe, or vsage to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ The.xiii. Chapiter.
¶ An act, for the restitucion in bloud, of sir Willyam Sharyngton knyght.

WHere, sir Willyam Sharyngton knight, aswell by the Course of the Common Lawe of this Realme of Englande, as by acte of parliament, was lately attainted of hygh Treason, & other offences, by reason whereof, he is depriued, and dysabled in bloud, and name, to demaunde, aske, haue, and enioy suche Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, as should or might, come, discende, remain, or reuert to him, from any his lineall, or collateral auncetor, or auncetors, to whom, he should or might bee heire in bloud. And where our souereigne Lorde the King, that now is, of his habundaūt clemencie, pitie, charitie, especial grace and mere motion, and by thaduise of his honorable counsail, by his graces letters Patentes, vnder his great Seale of Englande, beatyng date at Westminster, the fyrst daie of Nouember, in the thyrd yere of his reigne, hath pardoned, remitted, and releassed, vnto thesaied sir Willyam Sharyngton, by the name of Willyam Sharyngton, late of London knight, otherwise called, Willyam Sharyngton, of London knight, otherwise called, Willyam Sharyngton knight, otherwise called, Willyam Sharyngton of Laycoke, in the Countie of Wiltesshire knight, or by what other name, or surname, or addicion of name, or surname, he were knowen or called, all hygh Treasons and offences, committed and doen by hym, before thesaied firste daie of Nouember, as by thesame letters pattents of pardō, more plainly appereth. Our said souereigne lorde the kyng, at the humble petition and sute, of thesaied sir Willyam Sharyngton, is pleased, and contented, that it be enacted, and establysshed by his hyghnes, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that thesaid sir Willyam Sharyngton, shalbe clerely Pardoned,

ned, acquited, released, and discharged, of al and synguler Treasons, and other offences, mencioned, or expressed, in thesaied attaindoure, or attaindours, or acte of Parliament, or any of theim, or whereof thesame Sir Willyam was attainted, or conuicted before thesayed fyft daie of Nouember, in thesaied third yere of the reigne of our souereigne Lorde the Kyng that nowe is, and of all Judgementes, Emprysonmentes, Payues of death, and other Paynes, and Penalties, whiche by reason thereof Sir Wyllyam Sharyngton, should or myght in any wyse incurre, haue, suffre, or sustayne. And that thesame Sir Willyam Sharyngton, and hys heyres, from henceforth may and shall by aucthority of this present Acte, bee restored and enhabled in bloud, and name to sue and be sewed, Impleade, and be Impleaded, and to demaunde, aske, haue, and enioye, all and synguler suche Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces, whatsoeuer remayne whiche at any tyme hereafter shall Discende, Come or Reuert, from any lyneal or collaterall, Auncetour or Auncetours, of the saied Sir Willyam Sharyngton, as Heire or Heires, to thesame Auncetour or Auncetours, in suche manner and fourme, as if thesaied Sir Willyam Sharington, had neuer bene attaynted. And that thesayed Sir Willyam Sharyngton, and all and synguler the Chyldren and yssues of the bodie of thesaied Sir Willyam Sharyngton, and all and euery other Persone and Persones, beyng of thole bloud to thesaied Sir Willyam Sharyngton, may and by auctholitie of this present Acte, shalbe from henceforth restored, and enhabled in bloud and name, to demaunde, aske, haue, and enioye, all and singuler suche Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces, whatsoeuer they be, whiche at any tyme hereafter shall Discende, Reuert, Remayne, come or growe to thesaied Sir Willyam Sharyngton, or his Heires by discent, Purchace, Gyfte, or otherwyse, in suche thesame and lyke manner, fourme, and condicion, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as if thesaied Sir Willyam Sharyngton, had neuer bene attaynted. And that thesame Sir Wyllyam Sharyngton, his Executours and Administratours, shall and may in his or their owne Name or Names, Sue, Aske, and Demaunde, all suche Debtes, Couenauntes, and other thynges, to thesayed Sir Willyam Sharyngton Growen, Dew, had or made, by or vppon any wrytyng, Specialtie, or Recorde, at any tyme before thesayed Atteindour or Atteindours, which the Kinges highnes hath or shall by his Letters Patentes, or otherwyse Geue, Graunte, Appoint, or Assygne, to thesaied Sir Willyam Sharyngton, and the Money and other profitte thereof comming, to Conuert, haue and retayne to the vse of thesaied Sir Willyam Sharyngton, his Execu-

tours, or Administratours, in suche thesame in lyke Maniere fourme and condicion, to all intentes, Constructions and Purposes, as if thesaied sir William Sharyngton, should or might haue done if he had neuer bene attaynted.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aboue saied, that the saied Sir William Sharyngton, shall haue and enioye all suche Fredomes, Lyberties, Fraunchyses, and Priuileges, within the City of London, and els where, aswell within the Realme of Englande, as without, as he had, and enioyed, before thesaied Atteindour or Atteindours, in suche sorte, fourme and condicion as he had & enioyed, or of right ought or might haue had, or enioyed thesame, if thesaied Atteindour or atteindours, or any of the had not bene had nor made, any forfaiture, Judgement, Lawe, Statute, Usage, Custome, Priuilege, or other thyng to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ The. xliii. Chapter.

¶ An acte for the restitution in bloud of Mary Seymour, Daughter to Sir Thomas Seymour knight, lord Seymour of Sudley, late Admirall of Englande.

In moost humble wyse sheweth vnto your hyghnes, your faithful subiect, Mary Seymour, doughter of Sir Thomas Seymour, knyght, late lord Seymour of Sudley, and late high Admirall of England, begotten of the body of Quene Katherine late Quene of England, and late wife, to thesaied Thomas lord Seymour, and before that wife to your moost noble father of moost famous memorie king henry theight. That where as thesaid Thomas lord Seymour by auctoritie of your highnes court of parliament, holden at Westminster, in the second yere of your moost noble reigne, was iustly attainted of high treason, and by treason thereof your saied subiect standeth and is a persone in her bloud and lynage corrupted: It may please your highnes, of your moost noble and habundant grace, that it may be at the humble peticiō of your said subiect ordeined, established, and enacted, by your highnes, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of thesame, that your said subiect

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and her Heyres may bee and shalbe, by auctho̅itie of this Acte, restozed and enhabled only in Bloud, as Daughter and Heire and Heyres, too thesayed Thomas Lozde Seymour. And that your sayed Subiecte and her Heyres, from henceforth may and shalbe Enhabled too Demaunde, Aske, haue holde and enioye, all and euery suche Honours, Castels, Mannours, Lozdshyppes, Hundzedes, Fraunchyses, Lybertyes, Pziuileges, Idiousons, Nomynacions, Pzesentacions, Knyghtes Fees, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Reuersions, Seruices, Remainders, Pozcions, Annuities, Pencions, Ryghtes, and all Manner of Hereditamentes, wyth their Appurtenaunces, whiche at any tyme hereafter shall come, Remayne, Discende o̅z Reuert, from any Collaterall Auncestour of youre sayed Subiecte, other then suche Castels, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Reuersions, Seruyces, Remaynders, Pozcions, Annuyties, Pencions, Ryghtes, and all Manner of Heredytamentes, wyth theyr Appurtenaunces, whyche were of thesayed Thomas Lozde Seymour her Father in Possession, Reuercion, Remaynder, o̅z otherwyse the daie of the Attaindour of thesayed Thomas Lozde Seymour, o̅z at any tyme after the Treason by hym committed o̅z done: And other then suche Honours, Castels, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, as your hyghnes was o̅z is intytled to haue o̅z myght o̅z ought to haue vpon any Office, found o̅z to bee founde, by force of the said Attaindour in suche thesame and lyke manner, fourme and condicion, to all intentes, Constructions and purposes, as yᵗ thesayed Thomas Lozd Seymour Father to your saied subiect, had neuer bene Attaynted, and as though no suche Attaindour of the said Thomas lozd Seymour, had euer bene had o̅z made.

And that ỳour saied subiect and her heires, may hereafter vse and haue any Accion o̅z Suite, and make her pedegre and conueiaunce inbloud as heire, aswel to and from her sayed father, as also to any other persone, o̅z persones, in likemanner, fourme and degree to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as if thesaid Thomas lozd Seymour, had neuer bene Attaynted, and as if no suche Attaindour were

were or had bene had the corruption of bloud betwene thesaied Thomas lorde Seymour, and your subiect, and her heyres, or any acte of Parliament, or Iudgement, concernyng the attayndour of thesaied Thomas lorde Seymour, or any other thyng, wherby the bloud of thesaid Thomas lorde Seymour, is or should be corrupted to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted, by thauctoritie aforesaid, that this present acte or any thyng therein conteined, extende not to restore or entytle your saied subiecte, or any of her heires to any suche honours, Castels, Lordshippes, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, whiche your highnes nowe hath or had, or is, might, or ought to bee, intitled to haue, by reason of any attayndour or attaindours, of thesaied Thomas lorde Seymour, nor shall extende to any Honours, Castels, Lordshippes, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes Rentes, reuersions, Seruices, or other Hereditamentes, late of thesaied Thomas lorde Seymour, whiche your hyghnes hath heretofore geuen, demised, exchaunged or graunted, to any person or persones, in fee symple, fee tayle, or for terme of liefe, yeres, or at will: But that al suche Honours, Castels, lordshippes, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Reuercions, Seruices, and Hereditamentes, whiche your hyghnes hath geuen, demysed, exchaunged, or graunted, as is aforesaid, shall stand, remaine, abyde, and continue in thesame estate, force, degree, and condition, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as they and euery of them, were before the makyng of this acte, and as though this acte had neuer bene had nor made. Sauyng to all and euery other person and persones, bodies politique or corporat, their heires and successors, and to the heires and successors of euery of them, al such estate, possession, right, title, interest, reuersion, remainder, leasse and leasses, claime, condicion, commons, and all other profittes and commodities, as they haue or ought to haue, out, in, or to the premisses, or any parte or percel thereof, as though this act had neuer bene had ne made. And your said subiect shall daily praye to God for your moste noble grace in honour long to continue.

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The.xb. Chapter.

¶ An acte agaynst fonde and Phantasticall Prophecies.

WHere nowe of late sythens the prorogation of the last Session of this present parliament, dyuers cyuill disposed persones, myndyng to stirre and moue sedicion, disobedience and rebellion, haue of their peruerse myndes, feyned, ymagined, inuented, publysshed, and practysed, diuerse phantasticall and fond prophecies, concerning the Kinges maiestie and dyuers honorable persones, Gentlemen, and Commons, of this Realme, to the greate disturbaunce and perill of the kynges maiestie and thys his realme: For remedy therof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our souereigne lorde, with thassent of the lordes spirituall, and temporall, and of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of thesame, that if any persone or persones, after the first day of February next commyng, do set forth in wrytyng, prynting, syngyng, speakyng, and publish or therwyse declare, to any persone or persones, any phantasticall or false prophecie, vpon occasyon of any Armes, fieldes, beastes, foules, Badges, and suche other lyke thynges, accustomed in Armes, Cognisaunces, or Signetes, or by reason of any tyme, yere or daye, name, Bloudshed or warre, to the intent thereby to make any rebellyon, insurrection, dissencion, losse of life or other disturbaunce, with in this realme or other the kynges dominions: That then euery suche persone, thereof being lawfully indicted, and conuicted, according to the due course of the lawes, for euery suche offence shall suffre imprisonment of his body, by the space of one yere, without baile or main prise & shall forfayte for euery such offence ỹ somme of. x. poũdes

And if any suche offendoure, do after suche conuiction eftsones offende in any of the premisses, and be thereof lawfully indicted, and conuicted, by the due course of the lawes, that then euery suche offendour, shall for his second offence and conuiction, as is aboue said, suffre imprisonment of his body, without bayle or mainprise during his life, & shal forfeit all his goodes, and cattalles, reals, and personals, the moities of euery which forfaitures shalbe to the kyng, & the other moities thereof to him, that shall or will sue for thesame in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, by action, bill, plaint or informacion, in whiche case, no essoine, wager of lawe or protection, shalbe allowed or admitted.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that al and euery iustice of assise, iustice of oyer and determiner, iustice of peace, shal haue ful power and auctho̅rite by vertue hereof, to enquire, heare, and determine al & euery offence, or offences aboueseid, cõmitted, or done, within the limites of their cõmission, cõtrary to ỹ tenor & meaning of this act.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, by thauctoritie aforesaid, that no persone nor persones, shall at any tyme hereafter bee empeched, for

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any offence hereafter to be committed or done, contrary to thys Acte, onlesse he be therefore ympeched, or accused, within sixe monethes nexte ensuyng any suche offence, by hym or them committed or done. And this acte to endure to the ende of the nexte parliament.

The xvi. Chapiter.

¶ An acte touching the punishment of Vacabondes, and other ydle persones.

FOr asmuch as it is notoriously sene & knowē, that vacabondes and beggars do daily encreace within this the kinges highnes realme into very great nōbres, chiefly by occasion of Idlenes, mother & rote of al vices, whereby do ensue cōtinual theftes, murders, conspiracies and other sondry heinous offences, and partely for that the good and holsome lawes and statutes of this realme, hath not bene put in due execucion, & partely also by reason of the multytude of thesame (the extremitie of somme whereof, haue bene occasion that they haue not bene put in vre) Therfore, and for diuerse good cōsideracions it is enacted by the kyng our souereigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctho̅itie of thesame, that the statute made in the first yere of the kynges highnes, most noble reigne, concerning Idle persones and vacabōdes in certain cases, to be made slaues and so forth, and all and euery article, matter, prouiso, braunche and sentence therein cōteined, shalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed, made frustrate, voyde and of none effecte.

And that the statute concerning how aged and impotent persones should be ordred for their better Relefe, and howe Vacabondes and strong beggars should be punished, made in the. xxii. yere of the late kyng of moost famous memozy kyng Henry the eight, and euery matter, article, prouiso, braunche and sentence therein conteined, to be from henceforth reuyued, made good and stande in full strength and vertue, and shall contynue and remayne a perfect Acte of parliament for euer.

And be it further enacted by the auctho̅itie afozesaied, that al Justices of peace and euery of them within the limittes of their cōmissiō, and the Maiors, Shrieues, Baylieues, and other Officers within their seuerall Rules and offices, shall within their seuerall limittes assemble together, and make their seuerall diuision, according to the purpozte & effecte of this acte, at the next generall quarter sessions of the peace to be holden after the feaste of Easter next to come, for the due spedy and dylygent execucion of thesame acte. And that if any suche aged or impotent persone after the feaste of Easter next to come, shal offende contrary to this Estatute, that then thesame Offendour shalbe vsed and punished, as in thesame Estatute of the. xxii. of kyng Henry theight is

prouided. And that before the feast of Easter no punishment shalbe put in execution against any suche impotent, lame and aged persone, but onely by the discrecion of the next iustice of peace of the same Shire where suche offendour shalbe apprehended, any thyng in the said acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the auoiding of the idle loytryng of common labourers of husbandrie, within this Realme: Be it enacted by thauctoritie afore said, that suche common labourers being persones able in body, vsing loytryng, and refusyng to worke, for suche reasonable wages as is moost commenly geuen in the parties where suche persons shal dwel, shalbe for euery such times as he or they refuse to labour, hauing reasonable wages as is aforesaid, adiudged vacabondes, and shalbe punished as strong and mighty vacabondes in suche maner and fourme, as is declared in the said acte of .xxii. against vacabōdes. And touching maymed, lamed and sore, aged and impotent persones, whiche resorteth to the citie of London, and to other Cities, Townes and Vyllages, on begging: Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all & synguler Maiors, Shrieues, Baylieues, Constables, or other heade Officers of any Citie, Towne or Vyllage, to which such resorte is or shalbe, shal before the feast of the Purification of our Lady next folowing, see all suche Idle, impotent, maymed and aged parsones, who other wyse can not by their discrections be taken for vacabondes, whiche were borne within the said Citie, Towne, or Village, or hath bene there moost conuersaunt and abyding by the space of thre yeres, and now decayed, bestowed and prouided for of tenauntries, Cotages, or other conuenient houses, to be lodged in, at the Costes and charges of the said Cities, Townes, Boroughes and Vyllages, there to be relieued, and cured by the deuocion of the good people, of the said Citie, Borough, Towne, or Vyllage, and that they do not suffre after the tyme before rehersed, any other then suche as either were borne, or hath bene for the moost parte conuersaunt, or abydyng by the space of thre yeres, as is aforesaied in the said Citie, Borough, Towne, or Vyllage, to remaine and begge abrode within the precinctes of suche Cities, Townes, Vyllages, or Boroughes. Except it be suche as haue letters, or are auctorised, or licensed by force of this act, vpō paine that euery such Maiors, Shrieks, and Bailiefs, Cōstable, or other hed officer by what name soeuer he be called, sufferyng any person to begge within the precinte of his or their suche Iurisdiccion, other then is before rehersed, for euery three dates, shall forfayte ten shyllynges, to whome soeuer wyll sue therefore, by byll, Informacion, or accion of debt, in any Court of Record, in the whiche Sutes none essoyne, ne wager of lawe or protection shalbe allowed, for the defendaunt.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the Maior of the Citie of London, and all other Maiors, Bailiefs, Shrieks, Consta-

Constables, and other hed officers of euery Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, and of euery other Town and village, do with all conuenient spede by them selfes, or their sufficient deputies, before the tenst of the Purification of oure Lady next commyng, and so from tyme to tyme euery moneth once, make a viewe and examinacion of aged, impotent, and lame persones, beggers, as be within the precincte of their Jurisdiction, and se all suche as were not borne, nor hath bene for the moste part conuersaunt and abydyng by the space of thre yeres complet, or haue not letters, and authorysed, or licenced by force of this Estatute, conueyghed on horsebacke, Cart, or otherwyse, as shal seme by their discrecions, to the next Constables, & they to conuey the same to the nexte Constables, & so from Constables to Constables, tyll the saied persons be brought to the place where they were borne, or most conuersaunt and abiding, as is aforesaid, there to be prouided for, kept, & nourysshed of almes, as is aforesaid, vpon the paine that euery such Maior, Shyref, or Constable hedborough, or other hed officers not makyng viewe, nor sendyng, or conueyng away, nor receiuing, or not prouidyng, as is before appointed, according to the true purporte, or meanyng of this act, to forfeite for euery suche default ten shyllynges, whereof the one half to be to the kynges vse, & thother to the partie, that wil sue therefore in any of the kynges courtes of record, by bill, Informacion, Action of debt, in the whiche Suites none essoyne, wager of Law or protection shalbe allowed for the defendaunt.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaied, that if any of the said aged, maymed, or impotent persons, of the Cities, Townes or Uyllages, where they were borne in, or had their moost abydyng, as is aforesaied, be not so lame or impotent, but that they may worke in some maner worke, that then suche Citie, Towne, Parysshe, or Uyllage do either in commen prouide some suche worke for them, as they may be occupied in, or appointe them, to suche as will fynde theim worke for meate and drinke. And yf they refuse of wylfulnes and stubbernes to worke, or do runne away and begge in other places, then to punish the same according to their discrecion, with stocking, beatyng, or otherwise as shall seme to their conuenient.

Be it also enacted by thauthoritie aforesaied, that all leprouse and poore beddered creatures whatsoeuer they be, may at their owne libertie remaine and continue in such houses appointed for leprouse or beddered people, as they nowe be in, and shall not be compelled to repayre in to any other Countries or Places by vertue of this Acte, any thyng therein contayned to the contrary notwithstanding. And that also it shalbe lawfull vnto the saied Leprouse, and beddered people, for their better Relief to appointe their proctour, or proctours, so there bee not appointed aboue the noumbre of two persones, for any one house of Leprouse, or beddered people, to gather the charytable almes of all suche

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Inhabitaunces as shalbe within the compasse of foure miles of any of the said houses of Lepzous and beddered persons.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by thauctozitie afozesaid, that it shalbe lawful to the Lozde Chauncelour of Englande, oz Lozde keper of the great Seale foz the time being, at their discrecions, to graunt cõmission vnder the greate seale of Englande, to euery oz any person oz persons, that hath oz shal haue, his oz their houses, oz barnes, burnt, oz suche losses, oz to suche as be oz shalbe Lepzous persons, to gather the relief and charitie of others, foz their Relief oz foz their ayde, and helpe, of hys oz their losses, decate, oz hynderaunce, as in time paste hath bene vsed, any thyng in this act notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctho̅zitie afozesaide, that all and euery Statute and act of Parliament, made foz punishment of Vacabondes, Slaues, aged oz impotent persons, oz any of theim, and euery article, sentence, clause oz prouiso therin conteined, other then this present act and Statute made, and the said act made in the said xxii. yere shalbe from henceforth vtterly voide, repealed, and of none effect oz force.

And foz as much as diuers wemẽ and men going on begging, impotent and lame, & some able enough to labour, do cary children aboutes with them of tendre age, and some of foure. v. oz. vi. peres of age, oz ponger oz elder, whiche beyng once brought vp in vdelnes will hardely be brought after to any good kynde of labor, pein, trauell, oz seruice.

Be it enacted by thauctozitie afozesaid, that if any child aboue thage of. v. peres, and vnder thage of. xiii. go about wanderyng, as is afozesaide, oz else alone, in case any maner persone, that is able to kepe any such child will take it, be it male oz female, of & frõ any such begger beyng the father oz mother therof, nouricier oz keper, whether thei be willyng oz not, oz without any such nourice, father, mother oz keper, by him oz her self, wanderyng, and bzyng such childe so taken before one of the Constables of the parish where the child shal so fortune to be taken vp and at the next generall quarter Sessions to bee holden in that Shire nexte to the place where the saide takyng vp shall foztune to be, present the same in the presence of the saide Constable, before the Justice of peax at the same Sessions, and there in open Sessions promes to bzing the same childe vp in some honest labour oz occupation, till the woman childe come to thage of. xv. peres, and the man childe to thage of. xviii. peres, if the master oz mastres, shal chaunce so long to liue, that then and immediatly the said iustices of peax by their discrecion, shal adiudge by vertue of this act, the said child vnto the ages before specified, to be seruaunt oz seruantes, to the said person oz persons, so takyng and promisyng as is afozesaid, such child to be vsed and ordzed in all pointes according as the law and custome of the realme is of seruauntes without wages, to what labour, occupation oz seruice so euer the saide taker vp oz master oz mastres shal appoinct him, oz her dutyng the saide terme.

And thesaide iudgement, shalbe entred by the Clarke of the peax in thesaid sessions in foxme folowyng Memorandum, that at the sessions of the Peax holden at. W. the date. &c. one. J. B. of the Toune of L. had deliuered to hym, accoxdyng to the fourme of the Statute in that case pxouided. B. T. eskemed to bee of thage of. vii. oz. viii. peres, to bee oxdred accoxdyng to the fourme of thesaide Statute.

And if it shall foxtune suche childe so adiudged, to ronne awaie at any tyme, ones oz moo tymes from his oz her Master oz mastres, that then it shalbe lawfull foz euery suche Master and Mastres, to take the saide childe agayne. and to kepe and punyshe theiayde chylde, in the Stockes oz otherwise by discrecion, oz otherwise at the libertie of suche Master oz Mastres, to haue a warraunt from any Justice of peax in thesame Shire, where the childe so ronnes awaie, foz suche childe ronnyng awaie oz goyng awaie, as is pxouided by the Statute labourers, foz suche seruauntes as departe awaie from their Master oz Mastres, wythoute a reasonable cause befoxe the end of their terme.

And that euery Justice of Peax, shal by foxce of this act haue auethoxitie and powex, to make suche warrant against euery suche persone so goyng oz ronnyng awaie, in lyke fourme as thei oz any of theim, maie do against any seruaunt, departyng oute of his Masters seruice witht oute licence oz reasonable cause, and by foxce of thesame Warraunt the childe so runnyng oz goyng awaie, to be taken and oxdred in euery degree, as is pxouided by thesaid Statute labourers foz seruauntes departyng out of their Master oz mastres seruice, as is afoxesaide.

And be it further enacted by thauctoxitie afoxesaied, that if and as often, as it shal chaunce the father, mother, noxice, oz other bearer abouttes of the childe, oz any other person oz persons, to steale oz entise away any suche child, adiudged foz a seruaunt, as is afoxesaid, that then and so often it shalbe lawfull foz the Master oz Mastres, of thesame childe to be at his oz their libertie to take an accion vpon the Statute labouxers, against euery suche persone so stealyng oz entisyng awaie suche childe as he oz thei might haue, by reason of thesaide statute labouxers against him oz theim that reteynes any mans seruice out of his seruice befoxe thende of thesaide terme, oz else to take an accion of Trespas against suche offendoz, in whiche accion he shall recouex his dammages, and treble costes of his sute.

Pxouided alwaies and be it enacted by thauctoxitie afoxesaide, that if the master oz mastres, to whom such child, as is afoxesaid, shalbe adiudged to be seruaunt, be vnreasonable in oxdryng and bxingyng vp of suche childe, that then at all times vpon complainte made at the generall quarter sessions of peax, in the countie wher thesaid child shalbe, by two honest neibоxs of thesame place oz toune wher thesaid child shal foxtune to be so vnreasonably oxdred, if it shal appeare by honest witnes to the iustices of peax at thesame sessiоs the cоplaint therof made shalbe

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true then the Justices of peax at their general sessions in the same shire where suche complaint shalbe made, shall by vertue of thys acte, haue auctho̅itie and power to discharge the said childe, from his o̅ their vnreasonable master o̅ maistres, and appoint the same to some other honest master o̅ maistres, vnto the said ages, to be o̅dred in euery degree as the said childe should haue bene with his fo̅mer master o̅ maistres, and that o̅der and appointment to be written in the booke of the Clarke of the peax, fo̅ the whiche entry the said Clearke of the peax, shall haue viii.d. fo̅ his labo̅ and not aboue, and in like maner shall haue viii.d. and not aboue, fo̅ the first entre of the child, to be seruaunt as is afo̅esaide, to be paied by the Master o̅ Maistres of the said childe.

PROVIDED alwayes and bee it enacted, by thauctho̅itie afo̅esaide, that if the woman childe to bee appointed a seruaunte, as is afo̅esaide, bee maried befo̅e her age of.xv.yeres, that then by that mariage, she shalbe discharged of seruice. This acte o̅ any thyng therein conteined to the contrarie notwithstandyng.

PROVIDED alwaies and bee it enacted by the auctho̅itie afo̅esaide, that all and euery Vacabond o̅ Begger, beyng bo̅ne in any other Nacion o̅ countrey then thys Realme, shall in maner and fourme afo̅esaide, and vpon the fo̅feitures and penalties befo̅e mencioned, bee conueyed from place to place, to the place o̅ Marches nexte adioynyng, to hys o̅ their natiue Countrey o̅ to the nexte Po̅te, yf there bee a Sea betwene thys Realme and hys, o̅ their sayde Countreys, there to bee kepte of thenhabitauntes of the sayde nexte Po̅te in conuenient labo̅re from ydelnes, o̅ otherwyse, tyll thei maie bee conueyed ouer, and then at the Costes of thenhabitauntes of the sayde Po̅te, yf theim selues shall not haue wherewyth, to bee conueyed ouer vnto their natiue Countries.

The.xvii.Chapiter.

An acte agaynst vnlawfull huntyng in any Parke, Fo̅est, Chase, o̅ other enclosed ground.

WHere as in the first yere of youre moste Gracious reigne, your maiestie in consideracion of the greate obedience that your Subiectes then wer in, of your inestimable clemencie and tender loue bo̅ne vnto the same, gaue your roial assent vnto an act of Parliament, touchyng the repeale of certaine statutes, the penalties whereof semed very so̅e, thynkynge moste godly thereby to wynne youre sayde Subiectes to the continuaunce of their obedience, rather by loue then by feare: Fo̅asmuche as sythen the tyme of the sayde Repeale, youre grace hath founde the experience thereof, to haue hadde other Successe, then youre mooste

merciefull meanyng looked for, and that suche insolencies, and Barbarous brutelynes, and disobedience hath folowed thesame, as heretofore hathe not bene sene, eyther in thys Realme, or else where. Amongest the whiche outragious disorders, ouer hathe bene vnlawfull hunteyng, not onely in all youre graces Subiectes seuerall groundes, but in youre graces owne Parkes and Forestes, almoste throughe out the Realme, to notably, as in some of your graces Parkes were slaine fiue hundred Dere in a date, within very fewe miles of youre Maiesties cittie of London, whiche vnsufferable libertie elsappynge without due punyshement, hath bred suche a bold continuaunce of the lyke, as at thys present, bothe nyght and date youre graces Parkes and Forestes, and the Parkes also of others, are styll hunted, with suche a boldnes as vnneth it is taken for a faulte, to the greate displeasure of youre Graces keepers, and the destruction of youre Royall games, besyde the shame and dishonoure, that in other Realmes thereof is spoken. For reformacion thereof, moste humbly beseechen youre grace, youre Maiesties moste humble and louyng Subiectes, that it maie bee ordeined and enacted, by youre Maieslie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that alwell one Estatute made in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the .xxxi. yere of the reygne of kynge Henry the eight, touchynge the wrongefull entree into any Forrest, Parke, or Chase, of the kynges hyghnes, the Quenes, the Prynces, or any of the kynges chyldren, for the tyme beynge, or in to any other grounde, of hys, or theirs incloſed, with Wall, or Dale, ordeyned or vsed for nourysshynge of Dere, as also one other Estatute, made in the Session of thesaid Parliament, holde in the .xxxii. yere of the reigne of thesame late kynge, touchynge the wrongefull takynge, kyllyng, or sleynge of any Dere within any Parke, Chase, or closed grounde, vsed for Dere, maie from the firste date of Maye nexte commynge, bee fullie and clerelie repuyed, and that thesame Statutes with all and all maner of Braunches, Articles, Sentences, and penalties of thesame seuerall Estatutes, maie from thesame daye bee in full force, strengthe and vertue, to all ententes, Constructions, and purposes, as yf thesame Estatutes, or any of theim had neuer bene repealed, thesayde Acte of repeale, or any other Acte or thynge to the contrarie in any wyse notwythstandynge. Thys Statute to endure the space of three full yeres to bee complete and fullye ended, from the firste daie of Maye aboue sayde.

PROVIDED alwayes and bee it enacted, that thys present Acte, or any thynge therein conteyned, shal not in any wyse extende to cause the wyfe of suche Offendour or offendours, to loose any dower, but that the wyfe and wifes of suche Offendour, and Offendours,

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shal haue suche interest and reuouetie of in and to thtir Dowet of the Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, of suche offendour or offendours, as thei shoulde haue had, in case no suche attaindour or conuiccion had bene had of any the offences aforesaide. And that by suche attaindet or conuiccion, the heire of suche offendour or offendours, shal lose no inheritaunce, ne suffer any corrupcion of bloud, but shall after the death of suche offendour and offendours, inherite and be demed and adiudged as heire, and enabled as heire to suche offendour or offendours in suche maner and fourme, as if no such attaindour or conuiccion had bene had. Any thyng herein conteined to the contrarie in any wyse notwithstandyng.

¶ The .xviii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte concernyng Fee feermes mencioned in the last Session.

Where in the second Session of this present Parliament holden at Westminster vpon prorogatiō the iii, daie of Nouēbre, in the second yere of the reigne of oure moste dreade souereigne Lorde the Kynge that nowe is. Our souereigne Lorde the Kynge of his moste godlie and vertuous disposicion, by thassent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in thesaide Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of thesame, aswell for the ayde and Relefe of the poore in the Cities, boroughes, and tounes corporate of this his realme of Englande, and countrie of Wales, as for the execution of other dedes of charitie and common wealthe there, ordeined and enacted, that suche Feefermes and somes of money paied for Feefermes, as by any Citie, Borroughe or toune corporate, within this his Realme of Englande, or countrie of Wales, or by the bodies politique or corporate officers or ministers of thesame, should or oughte to bee due and paiable to his Maiestie, his heires or successours, duryng three yeres nexte ensuyng after the .xiiii. daie of Marche, in the yere of oure Lorde God M.D. xlviii. shoulde cease and not bee due ne paiable to hys Maiestie ne his heires or his successours by any suche Citie, Borough, ne Toune corporate, ne by any the bodies politique or corporate, of theim or any of theim, nor by the Officers, inhabitauntes and Ministers of thesame Cities, Boroughes, or Tounes corporate, or any of theim, and that thesayde Acte, shoulde bee to theim, and euery of theim and to the Successours of euery of theim, a sufficient Warrant and discharge against hys Maiestie, hys heires and Successours, for the re-

kempng and withholding of theſame Feefermes and ſommes of money durpng theſaid three peres, and that no proceſſe or other ſute ſhould be at any time had or awarded againſt them, or any of them, oute of the Exchequer, or any other Courte for the arrerages thereof, for, or in any of theſaied three peres.

And it was then further prouided and enacted by theſaied auctho-ritie, that almuche of all, and euery ſuche ſomes of money, as ſhould or ought to be due to the kynges maieſtie, his heires or ſucceſſors, by any Citie, Borough, toune corporate within England, or Wales, or by the bodies politique of theſame, or by any the officers or miniſters of the-ſame, or any of them, durpng theſaied three peres, whiche might be ga-thered and collected of the Iſſues, fermes, and profites, for whiche the ſaied Feefermes ſhould haue be paied, in caſe theſame had not bene diſ-charged by theſaied acte, ſhould be leuied, collected, gathered, paied and aunſwered, as it ſhould haue bene, if theſaied acte, had not bene made, to be emploied and beſtowed in and aboute repairyng of walles, brid-ges, ſettyng poore people on worke, or other good dedes in euery ſuche Citie, borough or toune corporate, where theſame ſhould ſo haue bene dué durpng theſaied three peres, if theſaied acte, had not bene made by the diſcretion and appoinctment of ſuche commiſſioners, as the kynges Maieſtie ſhould perticulerlie auctho-riſe and appoincte for euery ſuche Citie, borough or toune corporate, in ſuche maner and fourme, as the-ſame commiſſioners ſhould aſſigne limite and appoinct, or as by ſuche commiſſion ſhould be declared or expreſſed, and not to the Kynges ma-ieſtie, hys heires or Succeſſours in hys Courte of the Exchequer, or in any other Courte or place, to thuſe of hys Maieſtie, his heires or Suc-ceſſours.

Neuertheles, for diuerſe eſpecial conſideratiõs and weighty cauſes: Be it nowe enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſſhed, by auctho-ritie of thys preſent Parliament, that theſaied former act, concernyng theſaied Fee-fermes and ſomes of money, and all articles, clauſes, and prouiſions, concernyng the ordre, diſpoſicion and paimentes of theſame Feefermes and ſomes of money, or any of them therin conteined, or of any annuitie or ſomes of money, out of theſaied feefermes and ſomes of money paid for Feefermes, ſhall ſtande, remaine, and be in their full ſtrength, power and effecte, oneli for the firſt pere of theſaied three peres, conteyned in theſaied acte, and not otherwiſe, ne for any longer time.

And that theſaied acte of Feefermes, and all Articles, Clauſes, and prouiſions therein conteined, touchyng and concernyng the remittyng, reteining, diſpoſiciõ or paiment of theſaied feefermes, or of any parte or parcell therof, of and for the laſt two peres, of theſaied three peres, ſhall vtterly ceaſſe, determine, and take none effecte, any thynge conteyned in theſame former acte, to the contrarie in anywiſe notwithſtandyng.

And furthermore, be it enacted and eſtabliſhed, by thauctoritie afore-

ſaied

saied.that from and after the. xxiii. daie of Marche,in this present yere of our Lorde God.M.D.xlix.thesaied Feefermes,and somes of money paied for Feefermes,and euery of theim,shalbe due, paiable and aunswerable vnto the Kynges maiestie his heires and successours,at suche times and places,and in suche maner,forme and condicion,to al ententes,constructions and purposes,as thesame, or any of the were,oughte or might haue bene paied,or paiable.before the making of thesaid former acte,any thyng therein conteined,to the contrarie thereof notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied,that all and euery patentee or patentees,and all other persones and bodies politique and corporate, their heires,successours and assignes, whiche by vertue of the letters patentes of the kinges maiestie,or of any his noble Progenitours, or otherwyse,at, and before the makyng of thesaied former act,had or enioied,or lawfully should,or might haue had,or enioyed,any Annuitie,or some or somes of money going out,or to be take or paiable of thesaied Feefermes, or somes of money paied for Feefermes,or any of theim, shall and maie lawfully,claime,aske, demaunde, haue,and enioye,such Annuitie or somes of money,as shalbe due paiable and aunswerable to any suche Patentee or patentees, or any other persons or bodies politique and corporate,their heires,successours,and assignes,or any of theim, from and after thesaied.xiiii.daie of Marche, in thesaied yere of oure Lorde God.M.D.xlix. at suche times and places,and in suche sorte,maner and fourme,to all intentes and purposes, as the saine annuite or some or somes of money wer paied or aunswered at,and before the makynge of thesaied former acte, and in none otherwyse,any thyng herein conteyned to the contrarie thereof, in anywyse notwithstandyng.

The.xlv.Chapiter.

An acte for the biyng and sellyng of rother beastes and Cattell.

BE it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that no persone or persones, at any tyme from and after the feaste of the Annunciacion of oure Lady nexte commyng, shall buy, or common and conclude to buy, any maner of Oxen, Steres, Rontes, Kien, heighkees, or calues, but onely in the open faire or market, where thesame shall happen to be brought and put to sale, and shall not sell the same againe on litle at and in the market or faire, where he bought thesame, duryng the time of thesaied faire or market, vpon peine of forfei-

ture of the doble value of suche catell bought or solde, contrarie to the tenour of this present acte.

Prouided alwaie and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull for all and euery persone and persones, to buy any Oxen, Steeres, Runtes, Kin, Heighfers, and Calues, or any of theim, out of any open faire, or market, for his or their prouision, for their household, teame, or dairy, at his or their wil, or pleasure, to be emploied, and spente, onely in keyping and maintenaunce of his or their house, or for their Teame or Dairy, and not otherwise

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie abouesaid, that no person, beyng a Butcher, and vsyng the craft or misery of butchery, shall at any time after thesaide feaste buy any fat oxen, steeres, rontes, kien, heighfors, calues, or sheepe, and sell or cause to be solde, thesame agains on liue, vpon pein of forfeiture of euery such Ore, Stere, Runte, Cowe, Heifer, Calfe or Shepe, bargained or solde contrary to the fourme of thys present acte.

Prouided alwaie, that all and euery persone and persones, beyng a Bocher and vsyng the art and misery of bocherye, shall and maie at his and their will and pleasure buy any fat oxen, steeres, runtes, kyen, heighfors, calues, and sheepe, or any of theim, oute of any open feire or market: So that suche butcher sell not, nor cause to be solde thesame againe on liue, as is aforesaide, any thyng conteined in this acte to the contrarie notwithstandyng. The one moitie, of all whiche forfeitures, shalbe to our souereigne Lorde the Kynge, his heires and successours: and the other moitie to him or theim that will sue for thesame in any of the Kinges courtes of Record, wherein no wager of law, essoine or protection, shalbe allowed for the defendaunt or defendauntes. This acte to endure to the end of the next Parliament.

The .xx. Chapiter.

An act touchyng the repeale of a certaine braunche of an acte passed in the last Session of this Parliament, concernyng victuallers and Artificers.

WHere by a certaine act made in the Parliament holden at Westminster by prorogacion, the fourth day of Nouembre, in the second yere of the reigne of our moste dread souereigne Lorde the king that now is It is enacted and established, that no person or persons, should, at any time after the first daie of Aprill then nexte ensuyng, interrupte, denie, let, or disturbe any free Mason, Roughe mason, Carpenter, bricklaier, Plaisterer, Joyner, Hardheiwer, Sawyer, Tyler, Pauier, Glasier, Lime burner, brickmakers

sunker, tilemaker, Plummer, or labourer, borne in this realme or made Denizen, to worke in any of the saied craftes in any citie, borough, or toune corporate, with any persone and persones that wil retaine him or them, albeit the saied persone or persones, so retained or any of them do not inhabite or dwell in the citie, borough, or toune corporate, where he or they shall worke, nor bee free of the same citie, borough or toune, any Statute, lawe, ordinaunce, or other thynge whatsoeuer before had, or made to the contrarie in any wise notwithstandyng, and that vpon peyn of forfeiture of fyue pounde, for euery interruption, or disturbaunce, done contrarie to the saied Statute, the one moitie of euery suche forfeiture to be to the kyng, and the other moitie therof, to be to him or them that will sue for the same, in any of the kynges courtes of Recorde, by bylle, plaint, action of debt, or Informacion, wherin no wager of law essoine, nor protection should be allowed, as by the saied act of Parliament amongs other thynges more plainely appereth.

And forasmuche as in the citie of London beyng the kynges chamber, and moste auncient citee of this Realme, the Artificers and Craftesmen of the artes, craftes and misteries aforesaid, are at great costes and charges, aswell in bearyng and payng of taxes, tallages, Subsidies, Scot, Lot, and other charges, aswel to the kynges maiestie, as to the saied citie, and at many and sundrie triumphes, and other times for the kynges honour: and that if Forreins should come and worke amongest them, within the liberties of the saied citie, contrarie to their auncient priuileges, that the same should be a great decaie of conning, and an impouerisment, and driuyng awaie of the free men, being artificers of the craftes and artes, and misteries aforesaid, within the saied citie of London, to the great hurte or destruction of the saied citie.

For reformacion whereof, the kynges maiestie is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, that the said acte onely touching the article and clause aforesaid, and al and euery sentence and braunche conteined in the saied acte, concernyng the same article, shall from henceforth be reuoked, repealed, adnulled, reuoked, adnichilated and vtterly made voide for euer. Any thyng conteined in the saied former acte touchyng the clause or article aforesaied, in anywyse to the contrarie notwithstandyng.

The.xxi. Chapiter.

An acte for the byeng and sellyng of Butter, and Cheese.

BE it enacted by the auctho̅itie of this p̄sent pl̄ia-
ment, that no person o̅ persons, after the feaste
of the Annunciacion of our Lady nexte comm̄yng,
shal buy to sell againe, any Butter o̅ Cheese, onles
he o̅ thei sil the same again, by retaile, in open shop
faire, o̅ market, and not ingrosse, vpon pain of for-
faiture, of the doble value of the same Butter and
Cheese so solde, contrarie to the tenour of this pre-
sent act: The one mo̅tie of al which forfaitures, to be to our souereigne
Lord the kyng his heires, and successours, and the other mo̅tie to him,
o̅ them that will sue for the same, in any of the kynges courtes of Re-
cord, wherin no wager of lawe, essoine, o̅ p̄tection, shalbe allowed for
the defendaunt o̅ defendauntes.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesaide,
that the saide worde of retaile, mencioned in this act, shalbe expounded,
declared and taken, onely where a waie of Cheese, o̅ a barrel of butter,
o̅ of lesse quantitie and not aboue, shalbe solde at one time to any per-
son o̅ persons in open shop, faire o̅ market, and that to bee done with
oute fraude o̅ couyn.

Prouided alwaie that this acte o̅ any thyng therin conteined: shal
not extende to any Inholder o̅ victailer, for suche butter o̅ Cheese, as
shalbe spent, o̅ vttred by retaile, in any of their houses, any thyng con-
teined in this act to the contrarie notwithstandyng: this acte to endure
to the nexte Parliament.

¶ The .xvii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte touchyng the retainyng of Iorneymen by diuerse Personnes.

WHere as many yong folkes and seruauntes of sun-
drie occupacions, beyng once oute of their appren-
tichodes, o̅ their yerely reteined seruice, will not
comonly be reteined in seruice by the yere, nor la-
boure in their Sciences, Occupacions o̅ Craftes,
wherein thei bee exercised o̅ broughte vp, but at
their libertie, by the date, weeke o̅ otherwise, worke
by grete, to thintent thei wil liue ydele and at their
pleasure, flee and reso̅rte from place to place, whereof ensues mo̅re in-
conueniences then can be at this p̄sent expressed and declared

Be it therefore enacted by the auctho̅itie of this Parliament, that
no person nor persons, occupieng o̅ vsyng, o̅ that hereafter shall occu-
pie o̅ vse any of the artes, misteries, occupacions, craftes o̅ sciences of
a clothmaker, fuller, sherman, wepuer, tailor o̅ shomaker, shal after the

feast

feaſt of Pentecoſte nexte commyng hire or reteigne to worke in any of
their artes, miſteries, occupacõs, craftes or ſciences, any perſon or per-
ſons, vnmaried, as a Journyman, that is to ſaie, to worke or labour by
the daie or taill worke, or by the greate, or for any time or terme vnder
the time and terme, of one hole quarter of one hole yere. And that no
perſone or perſones vnmaried, ſhalbe hired or reteigned, with any of
the perſon or perſons aforeſaid, to worke in any of the artes, miſteries,
occupations, craftes or ſciences aforeſaid, for any leſſe time, then for the
ſpace of one hole quarter of one hole yere, vpon pein of euery perſon of-
fending contrarie to this ſtatute to ſuffer impriſonmẽt for one hole mo-
neth without baille or mainpryſe & to forfeit for euery ſuch offence. xl. s.

And be it enacted by thauctoritie aforeſaide, that euery Jorneiman
of any the craftes, occupacõs or miſteries aforeſaid, being required by
any perſon or perſons, vſing the miſteries, occupacions, craftes or ſci-
ences aforeſaid, or any of theim, to ſerue by the quarter of the yere, halfe
yere or hole yere, vpon ſuch reſonable wages as betwene them ſhalbe a-
greed, & in caſe whet the parties can not accord, then for ſuch wages as
ſhalbe adiudged & decreed by one Juſtice of the peace, maior, alderman
bailife, portereue, conſtable or tithinge man of the ſhire, citie, toune-bo-
rough, village, hundred, wapentake or tything, where any ſuch Jornei-
man ſhalbe required, to ſerue as is aboueſaide, and thereupon if ſuche
Journeiman refuſe to ſerue in maner and fourme aboueſaide, that then
euery ſuche Journeiman and euery of them ſo refuſyng to ſerue, as is
aboueſaide, ſhall ſuffer empriſonment, by the ſpace of one hole moneth,
and ſhall at euery time ſo refuſyng forfeit. xx. s.

And be it futher enacted, that all and euery perſon or perſons, that
ſhall haue. iii. apprentices in any of theſaide Craftes, miſteries, or occu-
pacions, ſhal reteine and kepe one iourneiman, & for euery other appren-
tice aboue the nõbre of theſaid thre apprẽtices one other iourneimã vpon
pein for euery defaite. x. l. the one halfe of all whiche forfeitures, ſhalbe
to the king oure ſoueraigne Lorde, and thother halfe to ſuche perſon or
perſons as will ſue for theſame in any of the Kynges courtes of record,
by bil, informacion, accion of debt, or otherwiſe, in which ſute no eſſoyn,
protection or wager of law, ſhalbe admitted or allowed.

And it is further enacted by thauctoritie aboueſaid, that al and ſin-
guler thoffences aboueſaid, which ſhalbe hereafter cõmitted or done cõ-
trary to the tenour of this preſent acte, ſhalbe inquirable and preſenta-
ble before the Juſtices of Oyer and determiner, Juſtices of aſſiſes, Juſtices
of the peax and in all and euery leete or leetes, before the ſteward or ſte-
wardes there, and before any Maior, Bailife, or other hed officer, of any
citie, toune, or borough corporate, & that theſaid iuſtices, ſteward, maior
bailife or other hed officer, ſhal haue full power and auctorite frõ time
to time, to punith and correcte, al & euery perſon and perſons, offendyng
contrarie to the Tenour of this preſent act accordyng to ſuche preſent-
ment or preſentmẽtes, as before him or theim ſhalbe had, or made

Prouided

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that al seruauntes of husbandry vnmaried, and which haue not bene maried and al seruauntes & labourers, ving to labor in barges cõmonly called Westerne barges, which are not, nor haue ben married, shal after the feast of the Annunciacio of our lady next cõming, serue by the hole yere and not go by the day wages, vpon pein of such punishment as is conteined in the Statutes made against labarers, and that all suche seruauntes shall after thesaide feaste geue their Maister and Maistres a quarters warnyng, against his or their departure oute of seruice, vpon the lyke pein, conteined in thesaide Statute.

The. xviii. Chapiter.

An acte concernyng the releasse of the braunches in the last act of the Reliefe for the paimentes of Shepe and Clothes, and also a graunt of a Subsedy to be paied in one yere.

MOste humblie prayng the Commons in this presente Parliament assembled, youre moste excellent Maiestie, that where in the last Sessiõ of this presente Parliament vpon prorogacio begon at Westminster the .xiiii. date of Nouember in the seconde yere of youre highnes reigne, and there continued vnto the xiiii. date of Marche then next folowyng, youre humble and faithfull Subiectes the Commons, in thesaid Parliament assembled, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, graunted vnto your highnes, one Relief of .iii. s. of euery .l. of the goodes and Catalles, of euery persone beyng worthe .l. and vpward, to be leuied and taken in .iii. yeres, in maner and forme as is mencioned in thesaid act. And also one other Relief, to be take and leuied, for euery shere shepe, accomptyng thesame by the polle, after the rate, as by thesame act, more at large it doth appere. And one other Relief, of .viii. d. of the .l. of the price and value of all and synguler woollen Clothes, to be taxed and leuied in maner and forme, as by thesame act it is declared: Thesame seueral Reliefes to endure, and to be yerely paied and leuied, during .iii. yeres, as by thesame former acte, more largely it appereth: whiche Relief of clothe appereth now, so cõberous to all cloth makers, and also so tedious to thesame, for makyng of their bokes, and the accomptes thereof, by reason of lacke of the Ainogers, not alwaies present, when tyme requireth, that in maner, they are discouraged to make any cloth, or set any me on worke about thesame. And also, thesaid Relief of shepe, is to your poore cõmons, hauyng but few shepe in nõbre, a greate charge, and also, so comberous for all your commissioners and officers, named and appoynted for executyng of thesame, that they can not tell, how to serue your highnes therein, accordyng to their duetie:

It

It maie therefore please your highnes, with thassent of the Lordes spi-
rituall and temporall, and of your saied Commons, and at their moste
humble suite, that it be enacted, by the auctoritie of this present Parlia-
ment, that the seuerall grauntes and clauses, mencioned in thesaied act
of Relief, concernyng, or touchyng, onely the seuerall grauntes of Reli-
efes to bee leuied, and paied for Shepe, after the rate of the polle, and of
Clothe to be paied, or of any of them, as in the former act is recited, and
euery article, clause, prouision, and sentence, concernyng onely thesame
seuerall grauntes of reliefes, for shepe and clothe, or either of the, shalbe
from thenaid. iiii. daie of Nouember, in thesaid second yere of your moste
noble reigne, demed, & adiudged voyde, and of none effect, and to be vt-
terly repealed, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes. And that e-
uery article, clause, and prouision, mencioned in thesaied acte of Relefe,
touchyng, or concernyng the Relief, of, and for goodes, to stande, and be
good, and effectuall, accordyng to the tenor of thesame act of relief. And
we your humble and obedient Subiectes, beseche your highnes, that it
maie please your highnes, to take and receiue of vs, your said subiectes,
towardes your inestimable charges, that you haue all ready susteined,
and borne, and bee like hereafter to sustain and beare, for the defence of
vs, and this your highnes realme and dominions, against the old and
auncient enemies of thesame, the Frenchmen and the Scottes, now be-
yng open enemies to your highnes, your saied realme and dominions,
this small gifte hereafter folowyng, not as any recompence, or satisfac-
cion to your Maiestie, of, and for your moste bountefull, and liberall re-
lealse, and discharge of your said humble subiectes, of, and concernyng
thesaied seueral reliefes, of shepe and clothes, but as a token and know-
lege, of our faithfulnes, louyng, and willyng hartes, towardes youre
highnes, to bee alwaies ready, to beare with your highnes, to the vtter-
moste of our powers, in al your procedynges and affaires, as to the du-
tie of naturall and obedient subiectes, appertaigneth: that is to saie, wee
your graces saied louyng subiectes, doo, by auctoritie of this present
Parliament, freely, and of our good hartes and myndes, geue & graunt,
vnto your moste Royall Maiestie, one other Relief, to continue by one
yere, next ensuyng the determinacion of thesaied three yeres, specefied in
thesaied former acte of Relief, for goodes, to bee rated, taxed, leuied, and
gathered of euery persone, of what estate or degree he bee, accordyng to
the tenor of this acte, after the rate, and in maner and forme folowyng:
that is to saie, aswell of all, and euery persone, as is, or hereafter shalbe,
your graces naturall subiectes, as of all and euery Fraternitie, Guyld,
Corporacion, Misterie, Brotherhed, Compaignie, and Commonaltie,
Corporate, or not Corporate, within this realme of Englande, Wales,
and other the Kynges Dominions, beeyng worthe. l. pound of money,
Coyne, Plate, stocke of Marchaundise, Corne, Grain, Shepe, Beastes,
cattels, or other goodes moueable, aswel within this realme, as without

and of all suche somes of money, as to hym or them shalbe owyng, wher of, he or thei trust in their consciences, surely to bee paied. xii. d. of euery l. And of euery Alien or straunger, borne out of the kynges obeysaunce, aswell denison, as not denisō, inhabityng or restaūt, within this realme, or any other the kynges dominions, beyng worth. x. l. in money, Coyne, Plate, Stocke of Marchaundise, Corne, Grain, Shepe, Beastes, Cattalles, or other goodes moueable aswell within this realme, as without and of all suche somes of money, as to hym is, or shalbe owyng, wherof he trusteth in his conscience, to be surely paied. ii. s. of euery l. And of euery Alien or Straunger, borne out of the kynges obeysaunce, as well Denison, as not Denison, inhabityng or restaunt within this realme, or any other the kynges Dominions, beyng worthe. xx. s. and vnder. x. l. in money, Coyne, Plate, stocke, of Marchaundise. Corne, Grain, Shepe Beastes, Cattell, or other goodes, moueable, aswell within this realme, as without, and of all suche somes of money, as to hym, is, or shalbe owyng, wherof he trusteth in his conscience, to bee surely paied. xii. d. of euery l. Except, and out of the premisses reducted, suche somes of money, as any persone or persones, before chargeable owe, & in his or their conscience, truly mynde to pate. And excepted also, the apparell of suche persones, their wifes and children, belongyng to their awne bodies, sauyng Jewelles, Golde, Siluer, Stone, and Pearle. Excepted also alwaies from the charge Assessement, and patinent of thesaied Relief, all money, goodes and Cattalles of Orphanes, bequethed or left vnto the by their parentes, or other their Frendes deceassed. And that all Plate, Coyne, Jewelles, goodes, debtes, and Cattalles personall, beyng in the rule, and custodie, of any persone or persones, to the vse of any Corporacion, Fraternitie, Guylde, Mistere, Brotherhed, Compaignie, or any Commonaltie, beyng Corporate, or not Corporate, be, and shalbe rated set, and charged, by reason of this acte, at the value certified, by the presentors of the certificate, to bee sworne, of euery pounde in goodes and debtes, as is abouesaied, and the somes that are before rehersed, set and tared, to bee leuied and taken of them, that shall haue suche goodes in custody, as is before rehersed. And thesame persone or persones, and body Corporate, by the auctoritie of this acte, shalbe discharged against hym or them, that shall, or ought to haue thesame, at the tyme of the paiment, or deliuery thereof, or at his otherwise departure, from the custody, or possession of thesame. Excepted, and alwaies forprised, from the charge and assessement of this Reliefe, all Goodes, Cattalles, Jewelles, and Ornamentes of Churches and Chapelles, ordeigned and vsed in Churches or Chapelles, for diuine seruice therein to be celebrated.

ALSO, we the kynges maiesties louyng, & obedient subiectes, do geue and graūt to your highnes. viii. d. to be paied in thesame yere, by euery other person, not borne vnder the kynges obeysaunce, beyng Denison, or not Denison, other then women couert, soldiours, and suche persones

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as be vnder the age of.xii. yeres, dwellyng or reſiant within this realme or any other the kynges dominions. And the ſaid Reliefes ſhalbe, by aucthoritie aforeſaied, taxed, aſſeſſed, & rated in the ſaid yere, in euery Shire, Ridyng, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citee, Borough, Toune, and euery other place, within this realme of Englande, and Wales, and other the kynges dominions, in forme folowyng, that is to ſaie, before the.xx. day of January, whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our lorde God. M. D. Li. and the paiment thereof to be had, made, & paied at the receipt of the kynges Exchequier, betwene the firſt daie, and the xx daie of Apryl, whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our lord God M. D. lii. And the ſomes aboueſaid, of & for the ſaid Relief, ſhalbe taxed, ſet, aſked, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied, and paied, vnto the vſe of our ſaied ſouereigne lorde, his heires, and ſucceſſours, in forme aboueſaeid, aſwell within Liberties, Fraunchiſes, Sanctuaries, auncient demeaſne, and other whatſoeuer place, exempte, or not exempte, as without: Excepte ſuche Shires, places, and perſones as ſhalbee forpriſed, in, and by this preſent acte, any graunt, Charter, preſcripcion, vſe, or libertie, by reaſon of any letters Patentes, or other priuilege, preſcripcion, allowaunce of theſame, or whatſoeuer other matter of diſcharge, heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vſed, or obteigned notwithſtandyng. And it is further enacted, by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that euery ſuche perſone, as well ſuche as be borne vnder the kynges obeiſaunce, as euery other perſone, ſtraunger borne, denizon, or not denizon, inhabityng within this realme or within Wales, or other the kynges dominions, whiche at the time of theſaid aſſeſſyng, or taxatiõ to be had or made, ſhalbe out of this realme and out of Wales, and haue goodes or Cattalles within this Realme, or in Wales, ſhalbe charged, and chargeable for theſame, by the certificate of thinhabitauntes of the parties, where ſuche goodes, Cattalles or other the premiſſes then ſhalbee, or in ſuche other place, where ſuche perſone, or his factor, deputie, or attorney, ſhall haue his moſte reſorte vnto, within this realme, or in Wales, in like maner, as if theſame perſone were, or had been, at the tyme of theſame aſſeſſement, within this realme, or Wales. And that euery perſone, abidyng within this realme, or without this realme, ſhalbe charged, and chargeable to theſame Relief, graunted by this acte, accordyng, and after the rate of the value of his ſubſtaunce, goodes, & cattalles, and other premiſſes, as ſuche perſon ſo to bee charged, ſhalbe ſet at, in the tyme of theſaied aſſeſſyng, or taxacion, vpon them to be made, and in none otherwiſe.

Prouided alwaie, and be it further enacted, by thauctoritie aboueſaied, that all and euery Taxacion, and Aſſeſſement, of theſaied Reliefe for goodes, or, for any former graunt, or ſubſedy, heretofore had, made, graunted, or taxed (forpriſed, and excepted theſaid ſeuerall Reliefes, for Shepe and Clothe, and either of theim) ſhalbee taken, iudged, and deemed, of good force, ſtrength, and effect, to al intentes, conſtructions, and

purpoſes, and ſhalbe leuied, and paied to your highnes, accordyngly.

And bee it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aboueſaied, that the lorde Chauncellor of Englande, or the lorde keper of the greate ſeale, for the tyme beeyng, the Commiſſioners in that behalfe, by the Kynges Commiſſion to be appoynted, and auctholiſed, the preſentors, the perſone preſented, chargeable, or taxed, Collectors, petite Collectors, Barons of the Kynges Exchequier, Auditors, and all and euery other perſone and perſones, mencioned in the ſaied former acte of Reliefe, ſhall by auctholitie of this preſent act, make, do, and execute al and euery thyng and thynges, concernyng the ſaied Relief, graunted by this preſent act, as is conteigned, limitted, and appoynted to theim, by the ſaied former acte of Reliefe for goodes, and vpon like peines, fines, amerciamentes, and forfeitures, and in ſuche, and the ſame maner, forme, eſtate, and condicion, to all intentes, conſtruccions and purpoſes, as thei or any of the are appoynted, might, maie, ſhould, or ought to do, and execute by authoritie of the ſaied former acte, touchyng the Relief for goodes, and as though euery clauſe, article, ſentence, and matter, mencioned in the ſaied former acte, concernyng or touchyng the ſaied Reliefe for goodes, were ſpecially, and particularly recited, and mencioned in this preſent act.

Prouided alwaies, that this graunt of Reliefe, nor any other thyng therein conteigned, do in any wiſe extende, to charge the inhabitauntes or dwellers within Irelande, Bulleyne, and the Countie of the ſame, Calice, Hammes, Guyſnes, and the Marches of the ſame, Jerneſey, and Gerneſey, Alderney, and Silley, or any of theim, of, for, or concernyng any goodes, whiche the ſaied inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vſe, haue within Irelande, Bulleyn, the Countie of the ſame, Calice, Hammes, Guyſnes, or other Marches of the ſame, Jerneſey, Gerneſey, Alderney, and Silley, or in any of theim.

Prouided alſo, that the ſaied graunt of Relief, do not in any maner of wiſe extende, or bee preiudiciall or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes, or reſiauntes at this preſent tyme, within the fiue Portes Corporate, or to any of their membres incorporate, or vnited to the ſame fiue Portes, or to any of the ſame fiue Portes, or to any of the inhabitauntes, within the liberties of Romeney Merſhe, of, or for any parte or parcell, of the ſaied ſomes, graunted in this preſent Parliament, of the ſaied inhabitauntes, now reſiauntes, or any of theim to bee taxed, ſette, aſked, leuied, or paied, but that the ſaid inhabitauntes, and now reſiauntes, of the ſaid Portes of Romeney Merſhe, and their membres, and of euery of theim bee, and ſhalbee, of, and from the ſaied graunt and paiment, of the ſaied Relief, duryng their reſiauncie there, and not longer, acquited and diſcharged, any matter, or whatſoeuer thyng in this preſent acte, made, or had, to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, that this preſent acte of Reliefe, ne any other thyng therein conteigned, extend to any of the Engliſhe inhabitauntes, or reſiauntes

ſtaunteſ, in any of the Counties, of Northumberlande, Comberlande, Weſtmerlande, the toune of Berwicke, the toune of Newcaſtell vpon Tyne, and the Biſhoprziche of Dureſme, nor to any of theim, of, for, and concernyng any Goodes, or Cattalles, whiche theſame inhabitauntes, or dwellers, or any other to their vſe, haue within theſaied Counties, of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, and Weſtmerlande, or the Toune of Berwicke, the Toune of Newcaſtell vpon Tyne, or the Biſhoprziche of Dureſme, or any of theim, but that thei, and euery of theim ſhalbee, of and for their goodes lyeng and beeyng, in theſaied Counties, Tounes, and Biſhoprziche, or of any of them, vtterly acquited and diſcharged, anything in this preſent acte before reherſed, to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, that this acte, ne any thyng therein conteigned, ſhal extende to the goodes of any Colledge, Halle, or Oſtle, within the Vniuerſities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or any of theim, or to the goodes of the College of Wynton, founded by Biſhoppe Wickham, or to the goodes of the College of Eton nexte Wynſore, or to the goodes of any Reader, or Scholer, within theſaied Vniuerſities, and Colleges, or any of theim, there remaignyng for ſtudie, without fraude or couyn, any thyng in this acte conteigned, to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, that all and euery Collectour, petite Collectour, and other perſone and perſones, that haue leuied, gathered, or receiued, any ſome or ſomes of money, of any perſone or perſones, for the Reliefe of Shepe, and Clothe, or either of theim, ſhall before the laſt daie of Februarp, next commyng, repaie and deliuer, to euery ſuche perſone and perſones, his, or their Executors, or Adminiſtrators, all and euery the ſame ſome and ſomes of money, ſo by them, or any of them receiued, vpon peyn of forfeiture double the value, of euery ſuche ſome or ſomes of money, ſo by theim, or any of them receiued, & not repaied before theſaid laſt daie of Februarp. For the whiche forfeiture, the partie greued, ſhall, and maie haue his remedy, by action of debte, bill, plaint, or informacion, in any of the kynges Courtes of Recorde, where no wager of lawe, eſſoyne, or protection ſhalbe allowed.

Prouided alſo, and bee it enacted, by theſaied aucthoritie, that all and ſynguler ſomes of money, as now bee, or hereafter ſhalbe paied, by any Collectour, or petit Collectour, or other perſone to the kynges vſe in his Receipte, or els where, for the Reliefes of Shepe, and Clothe, or either of theim, ſhalbe deliuered and repaied, to theſaid Collectour, his Executours, or Adminiſtratours, at, and vpon his or their requeſt, in the ſaied receipt, to the vſes and intentes abouеſaid, and that this act ſhalbe a ſufficient warrant, to the Officers of the kynges receipt, to repaie and deliuer theſame, to theſaied Collectour, his Executours, or Admi-

ſtratours, without any further, or other warraunt to bee ſued for, to the kynges highnes, in that behalfe.

Prouided alſo, and bee it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, that this act of graunt of Relief, ſhall not extende, to any ſpirituall perſone or perſones, for any of his, or their goodes, or cattals. And forasmuche, as diuerſe and ſundery the kynges Maieſties tenauntes, and other the inhabitauntes and dwellers, within the counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brekknock, Radnor, Wountgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleſey, Carnaruon, and of the Countie Palentine of Cheſter, be at this preſēt tyme charged & chargeable, with the ſeuerall paimentes, of diuerſe greate ſomes of money, (by the name of a Wiſe) due to his maieſtie according to the ſeuerall cuſtomes, of the ſaid Counties, for the paiment whereof, diuerſe and ſundery the gentlemen, and other inhabitauntes of the ſaied Counties, be, and ſtande bound to his highnes. The kyng our ſouereigne Lorde, is therefore pleaſed and contented, that it be prouided, ordeigned, and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteigned, ſhall not extende to charge, any of the kynges maieſties Tenauntes, and other inhabitauntes and dwellers, within any of the ſaied Counties, of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brekknock, Radnor, Wountgomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleſey, Carnaruon, and the Countie of the Palentyne of Cheſter, beeyng charged or chargeable, with the ſaied Wiſe, for, or with any of the paimentes, of the ſaied Relief, graunted to the kynges Maieſtie by this act, or by the ſaied former act, vntill the ſeuerall daies and tymes, appoynted and graunted, for the paimentes of the ſaid Wiſes ſhalbe expired. And that the firſt paiment of the ſaied Relefe, graunted by this acte, and the ſaied former acte, ſhalbe made at the Receipte of the kynges Exchequier, before the firſte date of Maie, then next folowyng, after the date appointed, for the latter paiment to be made, of the ſaied Wiſe, and ſo yerely, before the firſt date of Maie, at the Receipt of the ſaied Exchequier, vntill the foure ſeuerall paimentes of the ſaied Relief, be fully made, in ſuche and like forme and order, as is ordeigned and appoynted by this act, and by the ſaied former act, for the kynges ſubiectes, concernyng the ſaid Relief to bee made at the Receipte of the ſaied Exchequier according to the tenor of this preſent act, and of the ſaied former acte. This acte, and the ſaied former act, or any thyng in theim, or either of them conteigned, to the contrary, in any wiſe notwithſtandyng.

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AN ACTE OF THE KYNGES MAIESTIES MOST FRE AND GENERALL PARDON.

The .xxiiii. Chapiter.

THe Kinges moſt royall Maieſtie, right well perceiuing his louing ſubiectes, by many and ſundry wayes and meanes, greuouſly againſt the bounden duties of their allegiaunces, to haue now of late this laſt Sommer time offended his highnes and his lawes, by inordinate diſobedience, Rebellion and otherwiſe, and his maieſtie by Goddes prouidence being repleniſhed with mercy, clemẽcye and pitie, and muche inclined to allure, prouoke, and ſtirre his ſaid louing ſubiectes to loue obedience (which to theim of duetie appertei-neth) his maieſtie hauing a ſpeciall truſt and confidence in his ſayed ſubiectes, that they will hereafter apply and endeuour them ſelfes to ſerue and pleaſe hym in all obedience and obſeruaunce of his lawes, whiche his highnes willeth and chargeth them to do, leſt vpon ſuche like diſobedience, rebellion and other offences, his hyghnes ſhalbe enforced and conſtreined to execute his ſeuere iuſtice, whiche to his imperiall and kyngly eſtate and function doth appertayne, and may not will no lenger beare and ſuſteine hereafter any ſuche rebellion, being a greate perill to his graces perſon, and clere ſubuerſion, and a likelye deſtruction of his ſayd Realme and ſubiectes, and a great comfort to all his graces enemies: is fully and reſolutely contented and pleaſed, that it be enacted by auctho*r*itie of this preſent pa*r*liament, in maner and fo*r*me folowing: That is to ſaye, ỹ al and euery of his ſayde ſubiectes aſwell ſpirituall as temporall of this his Realme of Englande, Wales, the Iſles of Jerneſey and Gerneſey, Barwicke, Calleys, Guyſnes, Hammes, Bulloygne, and Bullonoys, and the marches of euery of them, the heyres, ſucceſſours, Executours, and Adminiſtratours of the and euery of them, and all and ſinguler bodies in any maner of wiſe Co*r*porate, Cityes, Bo*r*owghes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and Tythynges, and euery of theim, and the ſucceſſour and ſucceſſours of them and euery of them, ſhalbe by thauctho*r*itie of this preſent parliament, acquyted, pardoned, releaſed and diſcharged, againſt the Kinges highnes hys heyres, Succeſſoures, & Executoures, & euery of theim, of all manner of Hereſies, Treaſons, Rebellions, Inſurrections, Unlaufull aſſembles, Conuenticles, Conſpiracies, Miſpriſions of Treaſon, Concealmentes of Treaſon, Murders, Fellonyes, Roberies, Offences, contemptes, Treſpaces, Wronges, Deceiptes, Miſdemeanours, Forfaitures, Penalties, Sommes of monye, Paines of death, paynes co*r*po*r*all and

pecuniary and all other thinges Causes, Quereles, sutes, Judgementes and executions, whiche maye be or can bee by his highnes in any wise or by any meanes pardoned, released or discharged, before & vnto the two and twentye daye of January, in the yere of our lord God a thousand fyue hundred fourtie and nyne, other thē such as hereafter in this acte be excepted and forprised in suche manner and fourme, and vnto such times as the same be excepted or forprised in this act, & other then such as ꝑ clauses of prouiso hereafter mēcioned, do or doth extend vnto

And also the kynges highnes is further contented and pleased, ꝑ it be enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament ꝑ this his said generall and fre pardon shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe to euery of his sayd subiectes, bodies corporate, and other before rehersed and to euery of theim by thesayde generall wordes before rehersed in al thinges, which be not hereafter in this present act excepted or forprised, nor contayned in any clause of prouiso hereafter mencioned, as that same pardon should be if all offences, contemptes, forfeitures, causes, matters, suytes, quereles, Judgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thynges (not hereafter excepted nor cōtayned, in any clause of prouiso hereafter mencioned) had ben particularly, singularly, specially, & playnly, named, rehersed, and specified in this present acte & also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names in their kyndes, natures and qualities, by wordes and tearmes therunto requisite to haue be put in and expressed in this act of fre pardon: And that his said subiectes nor any of them, nor ꝑ heyres, executors or administrators of any of them nor any of the said bodies corporate, nor any other persones, bodies politique or corporate, before rehersed or any of them be nor shalbe sued vexed or inquieted, in their bodies, goodes, landes, or catalles, for any maner matter, cause, contempte, misdemeanor, forfeiture trespas, offence, or any other, thing suffred, done or committed agaynst hys highnes or hys crowne, dignity, prerogatiue, lawes or statutes, but only for or concerning suche matters, causes, and offences as be rehersed or mencioned in the exceptions or clauses of prouiso in this present act hereafter mencioned, in suche maner and forme as in the same exceptions or clauses of prouiso, bee mencioned and for none other: any estatute or statutes, lawes, customes, vses or presidentes heretofore had, made, or vsed to the cōtrary in any wyse notwithstandyng. And ꝑ all and euery the kynges sayd subiectes, and all and singuler bodies corporate and other before rehersed, may by hym or them selfe or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their attorney or attorneis accordyng to the lawes of this realme, pleade & minister this present act of fre pardon for his or their discharge of & for euery thyng that is by vertue of this present acte pardoned, discharged, geuen or graunted, without any fee, or other thyng in any wise payeng to any person or persons for writing or entry of the iudgemēt or other cause cōcerning

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ſuche ple, writyng or entry, but onely xii.d. to be payed to the officer or clarke, that ſhal enter the ple matter or iudgment, for the diſcharge of any partie ſo pleading theſame: any ſtatute, law or vſe to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtandyng.

And furthermore, the Kynges highnes is pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by thauctoritie of this preſent parliament, that this his ſayd free pardō by the generall wordes before reherſed, ſhalbe reputed, demed, and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner of courtes, or els where, aſwell in the wordes and clauſes of exceptions, and forpriſes ſpecified in this preſent acte, as in all and ſyngulet other clauſes wordes and ſentences mentioned, and reherſed in this his ſayed free pardon moſt beneficially & auayliably to al & ſyngulet his ſaid ſubiectes, bodies corporate and other before reherſed, and to euery of theym in al thynges ambiguous and doughtfull, and moſt ſtrongely in barre and diſcharge agaynſt his highnes, his heyres, ſucceſſours & executors in euery thyng without obſtacle, chalenge or other delay whatſoeuer it ſhalbe, to be made, pleaded, obiected or alledged by the Kyng our ſoueraygne Lorde, his heyres, ſucceſſors, or executors, or by hys or any of their general attorney or attornies, or by any perſone or perſones, for his highnes or any of his heyres, ſucceſſors or executors.

And furthermore, it is enacted by the Kyng our ſouereigne Lorde, by thauctoritie of this preſent parliament, that if any officer or clerke of any of his highnes courtes commonly called the Kynges benche, & Chauncery, the commō place or exchequer, or any other officer or clarke of any other court, within this realme or Wales, or other his highnes dominiōs, aboue mencioned, at any tyme after the laſt day of Januarye, in the yere of our lorde God a thouſand fyue hundred fourty & nyne, make out, or write out, any maner of writtes or other proces, or any extractes, ſommons or other preceptes, whet by any of the ſaid ſubiectes, or any of theſayd bodies corporate, or other before reherſed, or any of them ſhalbe in any wyſe arreſted, attached, diſtrained, ſommoned or other wyſe vexed, inquieted or greued in his or their bodies, lādes, tenementes, goodes or cattalles, or in any of theim, for, or becauſe of any maner of thynge pardoned or diſcharged, by vertue of this acte of free pardon, he ſo offending, and thereof la wfully condempned ſhall pelde and paie for the recompence thereof to the partie ſo greued or offended treble damages, the coſtes of his ſute to be accompted as percell of the dāmages. And neuertheles, all and ſyngulet ſuche writtes, proceſſe, extractes and preceptes ſo to be made, for, or vpon any maner thyng pardoned or diſcharged, by this acte of free pardon, ſhalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

Except alwayes and forpriſed oute of this generall and free Pardone all and all maner prepenſed and wylfull Murdez, and all and euery robbery committed or done in or nere the highe waye, and all

and euery wylfull burning of any house, or barne with corne, & all and euery offence of burgulary, robbyng of churches or chapelles, done or perpetrated, sythen the feast of saynte Mychaell tharchaungell last past. AND also except and forprised, out of this free pardon, all and all maner of pirseies, had, done, cõmitted or perpetrate vpon or in the Sees. AND also excepted and forprised out of this fre pardon, all and al maner of punishmentes, impeticiõs, forfeitures, paines of death, iudgementes, and executions for the premisses before exceped, or for any of them. AND excepted and forprised out of this fre pardon, al & synguler some & sommes of money, graũted to the kynges highnes, or his most dreest father, kyng Henry the. viii. by way & meane of subsidy fiftene, benevolence, loane, cõtribuciõ, releue, or otherwise, or by any of the same waies or meanes: And al deteiners, witholdiges & none paymentes touching or concerning the same, or any part therof: And that the same and euery part thereof may & shal by auctorite aboue said, be leuied, taken and receiued to the kynges vse, any thyng in this free pardon, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

And also except and forprised, all wastes of the kynges woddes in any of his forrestes, parkes, chases and elswhere. AND also except & forprised all and all maner of wastes committed or done in any of the kinges wardes, lãdes, or in ꝑ wardes, lãdes of any cõmitte of ꝑ kinges maiestie, or of any of his most noble progemtours committes. AND also except and forprised, out of this fre pardon, all and euery concelementes of any custome or subsidie, and al and all maner of accomptes and accompt, and all accions, suetes, impeticions & demandes touching, or concerning any accomptes or accompte, & all arrerages of accõpt, and all debtes, impeticions, suetes, demaũdes and executions by occasion or meanes of any accõpt, which ought to be made to his highnes, or to any of his most noble progenitors. And also except and forprised all titles of actions of Quare impedit, all rauishmentes and withholding of any of the kynges wardes, or withholding of any wardes, landes or tenementes, and the profittes of the same landes & tenementes. And all & euery fine or fines for the syngle or double value of the mariage or mariages, of any of the kynges wardes, at any tyme growen to ꝑ kyng our souerigne lord, or to any of his most noble progenitors. AND also except and forprised al and synguler homages, fealties and other seruices, reliefes, rentes seruices, rentes charges, rentes seche, & tenthes and the arrerages of euery of them, due to his highnes, or to any of his most noble progenitors. And also except & forprised out of this fre pardõ, al & synguler forfeitures, & al maner of penalties, sõmes of money & profites, whatsoeuer growen or due by reason of any offence or acte cõmitted or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to ꝑ cõmon lawes of this realme, whereof any seasure was made, or any informacion geuen in any of the kynges courtes of record, or

any ſuite cõmenſid or depẽding before ỹ.xx. day of Jãuary, in ỹ. iii. yere of the kinges maieſties reigne or whereof the kinges maieſtie or kyng Henry the.viii. by bil ſealed with ỹ ſeale of any of them before the ſaid xx. day of January, in the ſaid yere of our lord God a M.D. xlvi. haue hath or ſhall make any gifte or aſſignement, to any ſeruaunte or ſeruaunte of our ſouereigne lorde the kyng or of the ſaid kyng Henry the eight, or to any other perſone or perſones. AND except and forprized out of this free pardon, all and ſyngulers, forfeytures, forfeytures and ſomme & ſommes of money, being due to our ſouereigne lord ỹ king or to kyng Henry the ſeuẽth, or to kyng Henry ỹ eight, by any penal ſtatute or ſtatutes, whiche be conuerted into the nature of debt by iudgement, or by agreement of the offendor. AND except and forprized out of this free pardon, all and al maner of debtes due, and to be due to our ſouereigne lorde the kyng or to any of his moſt noble progenitours, other then ſuche as are due to our ſouereigne lorde the kynge, vpon any obligacion or recognisaunce, forfaited for none apparaunce, or for not keping of the peace, or for not being of good behauor. AND except and forprized out of this free pardon, all and ſyngulers fynes, aſwell fynes pro licencia concordandi, as other fynes for contemptes or offences ſet or taxed: And alſo all yſſues, fynes and amerciamentes aſwel reall as other vnder fyue pondes (other then fynes for any alienacion, without the kynges lycence) ſeuerally or particularly, concerning any one perſon or mo perſons ioincely, whether theſame fynes or amerciamentes before excepted, be ſotted or not ſotted, taken to the charge of any ſherife or ſherifes, or not taken to his or their charge, extreated or not extreated, whether they be turned into debte or not turned into debte, or not being leuyed, receyued or not receyued, by any ſherife or ſherifes, Baylick, miniſter or other officer.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctheritie aforſayd, that this preſent acte of free pardon, or any thyng therein conteined, ſhal not in any wiſe extende to diſcharge or pardon any offence, paine or penaltie, done, committed or forfayted, by force of any eſtatute herebefore made, againſt the dekayng of any houſe or houſes of huſbandry, or conuertyng of any lande from tyllage into paſture, otherwiſe or in any other maner then to pardon and diſcharge all yſſues, forfeytures, paynes and penalties growen or due to the kynges maieſtie, or to his late father of moſte famous memory, kyng Henry the eight, before the fyfth day of June in the yere of our Lorde God, a thouſand fyue hundreth and fyftie, by reaſon of any ſuche offence or offences, whyche yſſues, forfeytures, paynes and penalties are playnely and clerely before pardoned, in and by this preſent acte of free pardon, nor ſhall extende to geue or make any lycence or diſpenſacion to any perſon or perſons, to holde or contynue theſame ſo detained or conuerted, contrary to the forme of any eſtatute or ſtatutes.

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Prouided also & bee it enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that all & euery plon and plons, whiche tended to sue lyuerey out of the kynges handes, or that ought to sue any lyuerey out of the kynges handes, or ꝓ ought to sue any ouster le mayn of any manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, shal sue & be bounden to sue his or theyr lyuery or lyueries, and ouster le mayn of hys or their manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, as they ought or should haue done if this acte of fre pardon had neuer bene graunted, any artycle, clause, matter, or sentence, act or actes, thing or thynges in this present acte of fre pardon, comprysed or specified to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

And except and forprysed out of this fre pardon, all and synguler persone and persones, beyng the six and twentie day January, in the yere of oure lorde God, a thousand fyue hundred fourtie & nyne prisoner or prisoners in the Tower of London, in the Flete, in the Marshalsey, or in any other prison, or in any wise by the kynges commaundement, or by the commaundement or order of the lordes of hys priuey counsaill restrained or staied from libertie: other then suche prisoner & prisoners, as are in any prison oneli for felonious stealing of any goodes or cattals, vnder the some and value of twenty shyllinges, so that the same felonious taking of and suche goodes or cattals, be not feloniously taken in or nere any highe way, nor in the dwellyng house of any persone in the night tyme, nor in any churche or chappell. AND also except out of this fre pardon, all and synguler persone and persones whiche at any tyme before the said six and twenty day of January, in the sayd yere of our lord God, a thousand fyue hundred fourtie and nyne, is, ought or shalbe put to death or in execution by vertue of any maner of iudgement against him or them geuen. AND except and forprysed out of thys free pardon, all and all maner of treasons, done, committed or perpetrated by any person or persons, in any of the parties beyond the Sea or in Scotlande, or by any persone or persones, now beyng beyond the Sea or in Scotlande (other then suche treasons or petit treasons, as haue bene committed, perpetrated or done by any persone beyng beyond the Sea or in Scotlande) that before ꝓ feast of Thassencion, of our lord God, that shalbe in the yere of our lord God, a thousand fyue hundred & fiftie, shall come & make their returne and repaire into this Realme of Englande: And except and forpryzed all impeticions, punyshmentes, forfaitures, paynes of death, executions & iudgementes for the same treasons.

And furthermore the kynges Maiestie of his speciall grace and clemency, is pleased and contented, that it be enacted and established by thauctoritie aforesayd, that all and synguler persone and persones, beyng borne within this Realme of Englande, or in any of the kynges dominions, and now beyng beyond the Sea or in Scotlande, whyche

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before the first day of Nouembre in the yeare of our lord God, a thousand fiue hundred fourtie and nyne, dyd fle out of this realme of England, or any of the kynges dominions, for any high treason, petit treason, misprision of treason, or for any felonie or murdre, or other crime or offence, by hym or them committed in any wise done, or perpetrated shall by vertue of this free pardon bee clerely discharged, acquited and pardoned of al and all maner of treasons, petit treasons, misprision of treason or other offences and crimes whatsoeuer, done, committed or perpetrated before the sayd first day of Nouembre, in the said yere of our lord God, a thousand fiue hundreth fourty and nyne, and of al maner of impeticions, suites, penalties, forfaitures, and executions for the same: So that he or they do come and make their returne and repayre into this realme of England, on thissyde the said feast of the assencion of our lord God, in the sayd yeare of our lord God, a thousand fyue hundred and fiftie. And also our sayd soueraigne lord the kyng, by vertue of this acte, and by the auctoritie aboue sayd, doth geue auctorytie and licence to all and euery of the sayed persone and persons, being beyond the Sea or in Scotland, to returne and repaire into this Realme of England, and other his dominions, before the same feaste of thassencion of our lord God a thousand fyue hundred and fyfty.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctheritie afore sayed, that it shalbe lefull to all and euery Clerke and other Officer, of any of the kynges courtes, to whome it appertaineth, without any forfaiture, losse or punishment for the same, to awarde and make writes of capias vt lagatum. at the suite of the partie plaintife against any persone or persones, being outlawed in any accion or suite, to thentent to compel the persone or persons, so outlawed, to make aunswere to the plaintife or playntifes, at whose suite he or they were or was outlawed. And also that euery person and persones, now being outlawed, shalbe bounden to sue a Scire facias, against ỳ party or parties at whose suite he or they were or was outlawed or their executors, or administrators before suche tyme as the persone or persones so outlawed, shall take any aduauntage of this free Pardon, concernyng his or their outlawry.

And the kynge our soueraigne lord is contented and pleased, to graunte by auctheritie afore sayd, that it shalbe lawfull to all and synguler Archebyshops and Bisshoppes of this his Realme of England, and Wales, to deliuer out of prison, and set at libertie all and singuler, those persones being in prison in their custody or in the custody of any of them, as clarkes conuicte or conuicted, whiche be pardoned by thys acte of free pardon, without any further acte or suite to bee made for allowaunce of this pardon or other wyse, any acte of Parliament, lawe, vsage, custome or other thing to ỳ contrary in any wyse notwithstãding

Prouided alwaie, that this acte of generall and free pardon or any

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thyng therin conteyned extend not to Thomas Duke of Northfolke in the countie of Norff. or any thyng in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this acte of free pardon shall not extend to any person or persons, which at any tyme heretofore have offended in their heresies & erroneous opinions heretofore ensuing that is to say: that infantes ought not to be baptized, and further be baptized, they ought to be rebaptised when they come to lawful age. That it is not lefull for a Christiã mã to beare office or rule in y^e^ comnõ weale. That no mans lawes ought to be obeied. That it is not lefull for a christian man to take an othe before any Judge: That Christ tooke no bodily substãce of our blessed ladye: That sinners after baptisme cannot be restored by repentaunce: That all thynges bee or ought to be common and nothyng seuerall.

Prouided alwaies, and it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that this acte of free pardon or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in any wise extend, or be in any wise beneficiall, or take effecte to any suche person or personnes, that at any tyme sithe y^e^ feaste of Easter last past hath or haue made any rebellion or vnlawful commotion, in any part of this Realme or in wales, whiche at any tyme syth the .xij. daye of June last past, hath or haue commẽced or sewed, and after the last day of February next coming wyll folow or continue, or that at any tyme hereafter shall commence or sue in proper person, or by his or their attorney auctorised, anow, sue and folowe, any manner of appeale touchyng y^e^ death of any suche rebellious person or persõs, y^e^ maimyng or beating of any of the sayd rebellious person or persones, or any bill or billes, accõ or actions, of trespas or detinue, or action vppon y^e^ case against any person or persones, that dyd serue the kynges Maiestie in or for the subduing of the sayd rebellious persones, or for or concernyng the takyng awaye or witholdyng of the goodes or Cattalles, of any of the sayd rebellious persones, or of, for or concernyng any other acte or actes, personall, done or executed in the commocion time to any of the sayd rebellious pesones, by any person or persones that serued the kyng in y^e^ cõmotion tyme, in the subduing of y^e^ same rebellious persones, betwene the sayd .xij. daye of June and the first day of Nouembre last past.

God saue the Kyng.

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